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Real Justice and the Fate of Our Republic

“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” Amos

Everyone yearns for justice, and if you've been paying attention to social media lately, calls for accountability—aimed at those who stole elections, fabricated the Russia-collusion hoax, lied about COVID, and more—are everywhere. The demand is visceral—People want to see evildoers brought low.

Many blame public figures for the lack of arrests. **Pam Bondi**, **Kash Patel**, and others are castigated daily for perceived inaction. Let me say from the outset, that the intent of this article is not to criticize, but to stir our public servants to action and invite them to include [Parents Demanding Justice Alliance](#) (PDJA) and the [People's Tribune Council](#) into bringing a solution for the People still awaiting justice. More on that later.

I share the frustration many are feeling—especially as one of the corrupt Garland DOJ's top “domestic terrorist” school-parent targets—I do want to see evildoers get their comeuppance. And while the Biden administration had arrested and ruined thousands of Americans by the end of his first year, the first year of this administration has seen virtually nothing done to make these people whole, despite multiple petitions of grievances.

As regular contributor, Madame Publius wrote to me recently, reflecting that zeitgeist:

“Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him... I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins...” Amos



The DOJ refuses to prosecute any politician for fraud, insider trading, pedophilia, and murder. Many of those politicians start out, as Hillary did, “dead broke” and in debt. Yet, somehow, they are able to increase their portfolios by millions of dollars within a very short period of time all the while being so-called “public servants.”

The Deep State stole elections, allowed criminals and terrorists to flood into our country, persecuted and prosecuted moms and dads at local school board meetings thereby destroying their lives, prosecuted and jailed innocent J6 protestors destroying their lives as well, but there has not been one single, solitary Deep State arrest in a year’s time.

Biden’s DOJ had already arrested and jailed hundreds of J6ers by this same time in his presidency. The only ones “held accountable” are the honest, hard-working citizens who get served severe sentences from shady, activist judges, and it doesn’t even matter if you’re a 70-year-old, Gold Star Mom trying to expose that corruption. Now that the corruption is finally becoming more and more apparent to the average American, misdirection has become the DOJ’s weapon of choice.

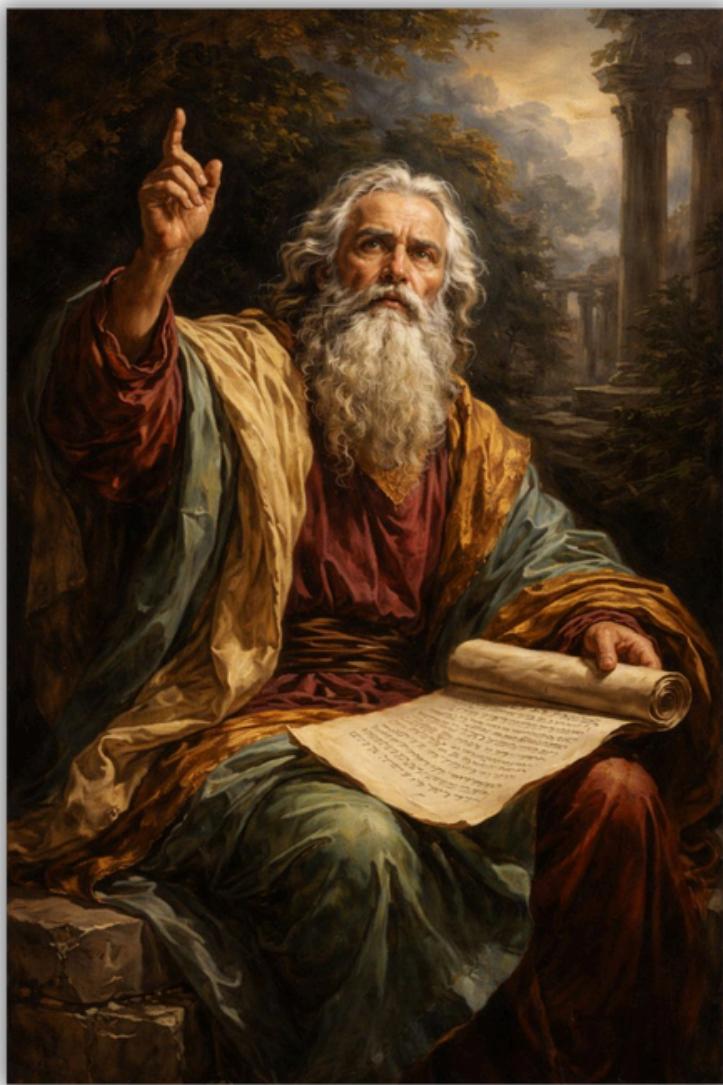
The elites are not held accountable either as the rampant fraud, corruption, and the Epstein cover-up continues. It’s all talk and no action.

I agree wholeheartedly with this indictment, and through Parents Demanding Justice and the new People's Tribune Council, I'm working with experienced Patriots to demand accountability. But there is another side of justice that is even more crucial—and far more eternal—than punishment alone: making the victims of injustice whole and restoring their families.

Most Americans know John Adams' famous warning: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." But what does that actually mean in practice?

Moral people do the right thing. As the prophet Micah put it plainly: "to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Religion is not defined by church attendance, devotionals, or pious talk. James defines "pure and undefiled religion": "to visit orphans and widows in their trouble."



"Faith without works is dead," according to James—and so, it turns out, are nations. Our Republic has been given a second chance, plucked from the jaws of destruction at perhaps the most precarious time in its history. But, if we deny justice to those who have been oppressed, our nation will not likely be given a third chance but rather, fall into judgment.

Many believers miss a key reason why the ancient city of Sodom was destroyed under God's judgment, and it wasn't what most people think. "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy."

Jesus' warning that it would be "more tolerable for Sodom" in the judgment is explicitly about the fate of nations, not merely individual sinners (and, yes, that society was filled with perversity). He directs this rebuke at entire cities that possessed moral knowledge, religious institutions, and abundance yet still refused repentance, mercy, and justice.

Both the salvation of individuals and the judgment of nations hinge on justice in action. Individuals—and certainly their political representatives—are expected, as Paul wrote, to look out "not only for their own interests, but also for the interests of others." Scripture does not treat this as a side issue. (How far from that is our self-dealing, insider-trading, corrupt legislature!)

Jesus Himself made this criteria unmistakable. In Matthew 25:31–46, He teaches that neglecting the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned carries eternal consequences.

"Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees... to turn aside the needy from justice... What will you do on the day of punishment, in the ruin that will come from afar?" Isaiah

Those condemned are not accused of violence or cruelty, but of **omission**—of refusing to act. They are told to “depart” into “eternal fire,” while the righteous “inherit the kingdom.”

Isaiah issued the same warning to a corrupt nation, centuries earlier: **“Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean...Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.”**

That is true justice, more so than the “vengeance theater” of perp walks and trials. Widespread action (beyond words) to restore the innocent, repair families, and prove that righteousness is sorely needed in our nation today.

Sam Sorbo and I have asked Weaponization Working Group Chief **Ed Martin**, along with **Harmeet Dhillon**—and many others in government—to recognize their duty to restore the “life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness” to parents whose lives and livelihoods were destroyed by DOJ persecution over the last five years. They are overworked and understaffed and still encumbered by Deep State holdovers.

Yet, they have somehow found time to pardon disgraced congressman **George Santos** and others in the political class you and I are not a part of—even while falsely convicted Americans await justice. President Trump’s cabinet needs to understand the effect these optics have on Americans outside the Beltway still suffering unresolved persecution and loss.

“My peace has long since been made with the King of Kings, and the advice of Samuel Adams is to no longer insult the feelings of an already exasperated people.”

Samuel Adams

So, I say to those entrusted with administering justice for the people who voted this administration into place: **you must operate in righteousness, morality, and the essence of true religion, and you must apply justice equally—without favoring the wealthy and famous.**

Pam Bondi acted immediately on the vandalism of Elon Musk’s Tesla dealerships, yet thousands of small business owners driven out of business by COVID fraud, incarcerated unjustly for walking in the Capitol or standing up as a school meeting are left defenseless and penniless.

By and large, the “common people” have been ignored while the “elite”—those in the inner circles—receive red-carpet treatment. Justice should not be for “members only,” or expedited for those with wealth and influence, yet that is a widespread perception.

The same transparency and accountability must apply to an ordinary mom or dad as to a billionaire, or else the Republic’s pledge of “liberty and justice for all” is meaningless.

Our Republic was “conceived in Liberty”; it was meant to be a government of, for, and by the people, not a system prioritizing justice for the powerful. If justice looks past the people to serve the elite, freedom becomes a gated privilege—and a Republic becomes an oligarchy.

America is better than that, and it’s time we proved it.





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The Unbreakable Spirit

From Tehran to Washington, Freedom Still Has Warriors

At times, I can't help but think the reason it was so easy for me to fall in love with America was because of how familiar the spirit felt. The passion, the fire, the refusal to bow. There's a bond between the patriotism that runs deep in American soil and the fighter spirit that runs through my Iranian blood. Both are born from pain, and both are unwilling to surrender.

As I write this, the Iranian people are once again on the streets. They're tearing down banners of Khomeini and Khamenei and burning regime flags. Recording the beatings and risking prison to speak a single word of truth. From Karaj to Tehran to Ahvaz, the Islamic Republic is being challenged by its own people, again. And the regime is answering with bullets, tear gas, mass arrests, and total silence.

America woke up to a reality that Iranians have faced for almost 47 years on January 6, 2021:

Tyrants don't follow a nation's law and order. They follow their own agenda.

And let me give you a glimpse of what happens if this goes unchecked.

Since 1979, there have been dozens of uprisings in Iran. Real people standing up against real injustice. Some were sparked by stolen elections. Some by economic collapse.

Some by the murder of women like Mahsa Amini. Each one was met with brutal force. Thousands dead, hundreds disappeared, and the notorious Evin Prison remains packed with political prisoners, journalists, students, Christians, women, labor workers, and activists.

But here's the truth: they shouldn't have had to fight this hard. Iran's people have less freedom now than they did in 1980. Fewer rights, tools, and a lot less hope, because when tyranny is allowed to grow, it takes everything with it.

That's the warning I carry with me every day. That's the warning Americans need to hear.

Iran didn't become a full-blown dictatorship overnight. It started with silencing critics, justifying force, labeling opposition as "dangerous," and turning courts into weapons. Sound familiar?

If America lets what happened after January 6 fade into the shadows, if we accept political prosecutions, selective justice, and the redefinition of patriotism as criminal extremism, then you will end up where Iranians are today: in the streets, empty-handed, with only warrior spirit left to take your freedom back.

The good news? You're not there yet.

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Not for Gaza, but for Iran: Protesters reject regime's global proxy wars

The universities, historically the bastions of anti-monarchist Marxism, are now echoing with chants of "Down with the three corrupts! Mullah, leftist, Mujahid."





So here is my message to my fellow Americans, from someone who lived through what you're now approaching:

Do not let fear define justice.

Do not let speech become a crime.

Do not let your courts become tools of political revenge.

Because once that door closes, it doesn't open without blood.

Use your voice. Use your vote. Use your freedom while you still have it.

Hold the line.

The system may be rigged, the courts corrupted, the media captured, but the American people are not defeated. You still have a living Constitution, a heritage of defiance, and the unshakable idea that rights come from God, not governments.

You still have history on your side. Men and women who once stood against a king, who built a Republic with ink and blood, whose legacy whispers through every town square and every flag-draped coffin: freedom is worth fighting for.

That spirit is not dead. It's buried under lies, but it's not dead.

And if you remember who you are, if you reject fear and reclaim truth, you can still stop this descent before it becomes permanent, not through institutions that have failed, but through conviction that never will.

Because tyranny can overtake governments, but it cannot conquer a free people who refuse to kneel.

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Pillow Fight

VENEZUELA, ELECTION MACHINES, & THE VINDICATION OF **Mike Lindell**

By Kelly John Walker

For years, critics of election machine corruption have been ridiculed, censored, sued, and punished—not because they were wrong, but because they struck a nerve. That nerve runs straight through Venezuela.

Venezuela has long been an international hub of election fraud—the birthplace and sponsor of election-machine schemes that have spread well beyond its borders. This is not conjecture, but documented history, now reinforced by criminal indictments and federal findings. The pattern is unmistakable: centralized control, opaque software, bribery, offshore money, and political retaliation against anyone who exposes it.

Smartmatic is a clear example of this corruption. Founded by Venezuelan national **Roger Piñate**, Smartmatic emerged from a political environment defined by **Hugo Chávez**'s consolidation of power and **Nicolás Maduro**'s continuation of regime rule. The company's rise was inseparable from Venezuela's transformation into a one-party state where elections existed to ratify outcomes, not determine them.

Piñate was later indicted by a U.S. federal grand jury in the Southern District of Florida on corruption and money-laundering charges, accused of bribing **Juan Andrés Donato Bautista**, the former head of the Philippine election commission, to secure voting-machine contracts. According to the indictment, the scheme involved over-billing, slush funds, falsified invoices, and offshore accounts—classic markers of election-industrial corruption.

This matters because Smartmatic is not a neutral technology provider—it is a company whose leadership has now been formally accused of global bribery in connection with election infrastructure. That reality alone should have ended the media mockery years ago. Instead, those who spoke out were targeted.

Mike Lindell was right to call this out—and he was punished for it.

Lindell warned that Venezuela-linked election machine companies represented a systemic threat to election integrity. For that, he has faced relentless lawfare: defamation suits, financial penalties, and reputational destruction. Yet the very company suing him now stands under the weight of federal indictment. Even legacy media outlets have acknowledged that the charges are catastrophic for Smartmatic's credibility and legal posture.



Mike Lindell is a good sport and a genuinely friendly man, yet people like Jimmy Kimmel have relentlessly lampooned him for his convictions. It increasingly appears Mike will have the last laugh!

The same machinery has ensnared others. **Tina Peters** sits incarcerated; **Rudy Giuliani** has been financially and professionally targeted. This is not coincidence. Smartmatic sits behind the persecution of those who challenged election-machine orthodoxy—using courts not to discover truth, but to impose silence.

Every lawsuit against Mike Lindell for speaking out should be reversed. Every fine imposed should be repaid him and his companies. His legal expenses should be reimbursed in full. Punishing citizens for identifying corruption—while that corruption is later confirmed by indictments—is not justice, but institutional self-protection.

Predictably, the Left responded to the capture of Maduro with cries of “regime change.” But this is not about regime change or oil. It is cutting off the pipeline of election fraud.

When Donald Trump confronted Venezuela, he wasn’t destabilizing democracy—he was striking the nerve center of worldwide regime installation. Venezuela is not merely a failed state; it is an exporter of election control methodology. Disrupting that network threatens not democracy, but rather, Marxist tyranny.

That is why the backlash has been so fierce. The people who built careers, fortunes, and power structures on centralized election systems cannot survive transparency.

Just as Al Capone was brought down for tax evasion rather than his most notorious crimes, the Maduro-linked indictments do not allege voter fraud. However, President Trump and others warn that Venezuela under Maduro has exported compromised election infrastructure worldwide. There is speculation that Maduro may be offered a plea deal for turning in election fraudsters.

Mike Lindell told the truth early, and others paid the price for standing with him. The evidence now demands a reckoning—not just for one man, but for a system that punished whistleblowers while protecting the corrupt.



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The Left will whine about “regime change” because Trump struck the nerve center of regime installation.

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Smartmatic sits behind the incarceration of Tina Peters and the persecution of Mike Lindell, Rudy Giuliani, and many others.

This isn’t “regime change.”
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The majority of American People are not prosecutors, judges, or juries, so guilt and innocence are normally for the courts to decide. But **what does a society do when its very justice system has been weaponized for political purposes?** When the law itself is applied selectively, the People have not just the right but the obligation to ask questions and to speak out.

By that measure, the American Justice System is failing badly.

When figures like **George Santos** receive clemency or pardons because of their status as politicians—despite admitted wrongdoing—it establishes a precedent. Mercy, review, and relief exist, but for whom, and by what standards? Once the pardon door is opened, it cannot be justly closed to others whose names lack political clout.

This is not an argument about outcomes. It is an argument about fair access. By what criteria are claims of mistreatment by a weaponized legal system prioritized?

Michael Castillero's case raises serious questions about selective enforcement and prosecutorial overreach. That doesn't establish his innocence. Nor does it establish guilt. What it establishes is something more fundamental: he deserves to be heard. If people like George Santos are allowed to have their pardon requests expedited by **Ed Martin**, President Trump's "Pardon Attorney" and Director of the Weaponization Working Group, others like Castillero have an absolute right to be heard under the 14th Amendment.

Instead, Castillero describes a system of deflection and dismissal—even from officials widely perceived as allies. After reaching out to **Harmeet Dhillon**, he says he was repeatedly ignored. When she finally responded, her message was blunt: "You need to get a private lawyer...I can't help."

That may be a valid point, but Castillero's reaction is telling: "**Why should a private citizen whose life has been destroyed need access to money and lawyers just to be heard at all?**"

He recounts a similar experience involving **Todd Blanche**, where assurances of a meeting came and went. "We were told a meeting would happen—before Labor Day," Castillero said. "We're still waiting."

This is the reality of a two-tier system—where politicians receive expedited remedies while ordinary Americans are told to wait, pay, or disappear. The People are not asking for favoritism, they are demanding consistency, and that's a fair ask.

A skeptic may well say, "What if Castillero actually committed crimes," but that's not the point of a pardon. Santos pled guilty to fraud and identity theft; admitted to deceiving donors and stealing identities—yet he has been granted a second chance at life as a free man.

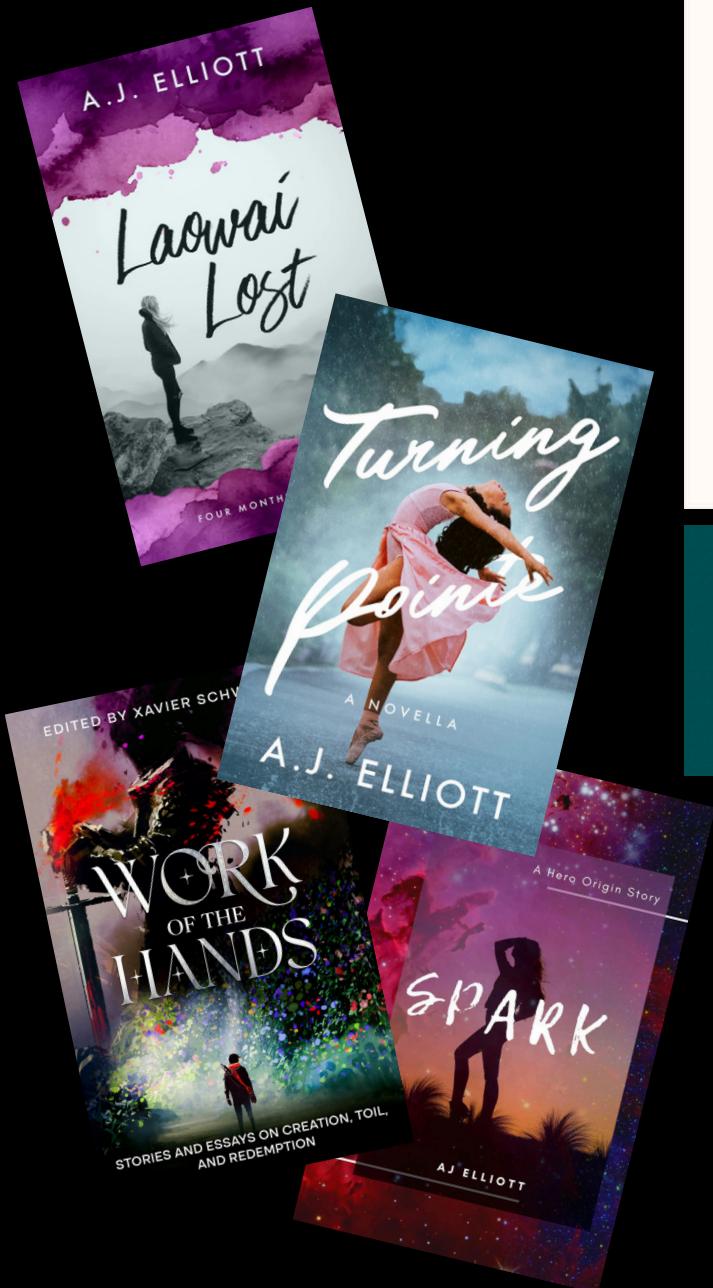
"I was the first person to ever go to federal prison for a civil violation," Santos told CNN. "I don't want to focus on trying to rehash the past and want to take the experience and do good and move on. Repentance is an understatement. I have been dealt a second chance."

Santos posted on his social media: "Yesterday, I was given something I never thought I'd have again: a true second chance at life...His faith in second chances reignited my own, and for that, I will be forever thankful."

Until equal access to review exists for all—not just the well-connected—the promise of equal justice remains unfulfilled. That is not radical; it is constitutional.

Does Michael Castillero deserve a second chance? Do other American citizens whose families are praying for reprieve? That question should be answered by one standard alone: **fair and equal treatment under the law.**

In an era when “lawfare” has become a household term and weaponized indictments, convictions, and incarceration are increasingly routine, it is reasonable to ask whether selective mercy is sufficient—or whether broad, corrective clemency is now required to restore our compromised Justice System.



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THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PARDON

By Tamara Leigh



January 6, 2026 marks the fifth anniversary of what has been labeled either an “Insurrection” or a “Fedsurrection,” depending on one’s political view of that day. It is also the first time this anniversary is observed with President Donald Trump back in office.

On January 6, 2021, hundreds of thousands of patriots gathered in Washington, D.C. to redress their government and exercise their First Amendment rights. Many believed the 2020 election was deeply flawed at best, and an outright *coup d'état* at worst. They came in response to President Donald J. Trump’s call to be present. He said, “It will be wild?” It was—but not in the way those who showed up expected.

In the weeks, months, and years that followed, ordinary, hard-working Americans who attended what was billed as a peaceful and patriotic protest were hunted down, swatted, imprisoned, and financially and emotionally destroyed. For some, the cost was their lives.

During the four years of President Biden’s administration, politicians and the media doubled down on the January 6 “insurrection” narrative. The result was the politically motivated arrest of 1,575 Americans. Of those, 1,270 were convicted and spent most of those years incarcerated—treated more like hostages than criminals. Even criminals are afforded a presumption of civil rights protections. January 6 defendants were not.

January 20, 2026 marked the one-year anniversary of President Trump granting pardons to those prosecuted for January 6. The expectation of Day One pardons was not accidental; it followed four years of sustained advocacy by a nationwide coalition of Americans committed to justice, including activists, journalists, filmmakers, and family members of the incarcerated.

President Trump did not disappoint. On the afternoon of his first day back in office, all but a handful of January 6 defendants received pardons. Historically, presidential pardons have often been treated as favors granted quietly at the end of an administration. The MAGA movement changed that. It revived and restored an underutilized



constitutional power, using it as a check against weaponized federal agencies—particularly the DOJ and FBI—and a court system that prioritized convictions over justice.

For many January 6 defendants, however, there remained one disappointment: the absence of **Pardons of Innocence**.

A Pardon of Innocence does more than forgive; it formally recognizes that the convicted were victims of wrongful prosecution and restores them to their pre-January 6 status, as though the charges had never existed. Such a precedent was set on November 25, 2020, when President Trump issued a historic Pardon of Innocence to **Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn**.

As the late Pasquale Scopelliti explained in his constitutional analysis, the pardon power appears only briefly in Article II of the Constitution. Yet it is among the greatest authorities entrusted to a president. Courts, as January 6 made clear, do not self-correct. Their objective is often punishment through process, not justice.

It took strategic, relentless, coordinated effort by everyday Americans to empower President Trump to wield the pardon power for General Flynn, the January 6 defendants, and others such as Tina Peters—a Gold Star mother currently imprisoned for documenting election irregularities.

For five years, the January 6 community filled the public square with reporting, films, podcasts, and events to document the truth, correct the historical record, and demand justice.

They did not ask for favors. They demanded accountability. And they proved that the power of the presidency—when rightly used—can still serve the people.

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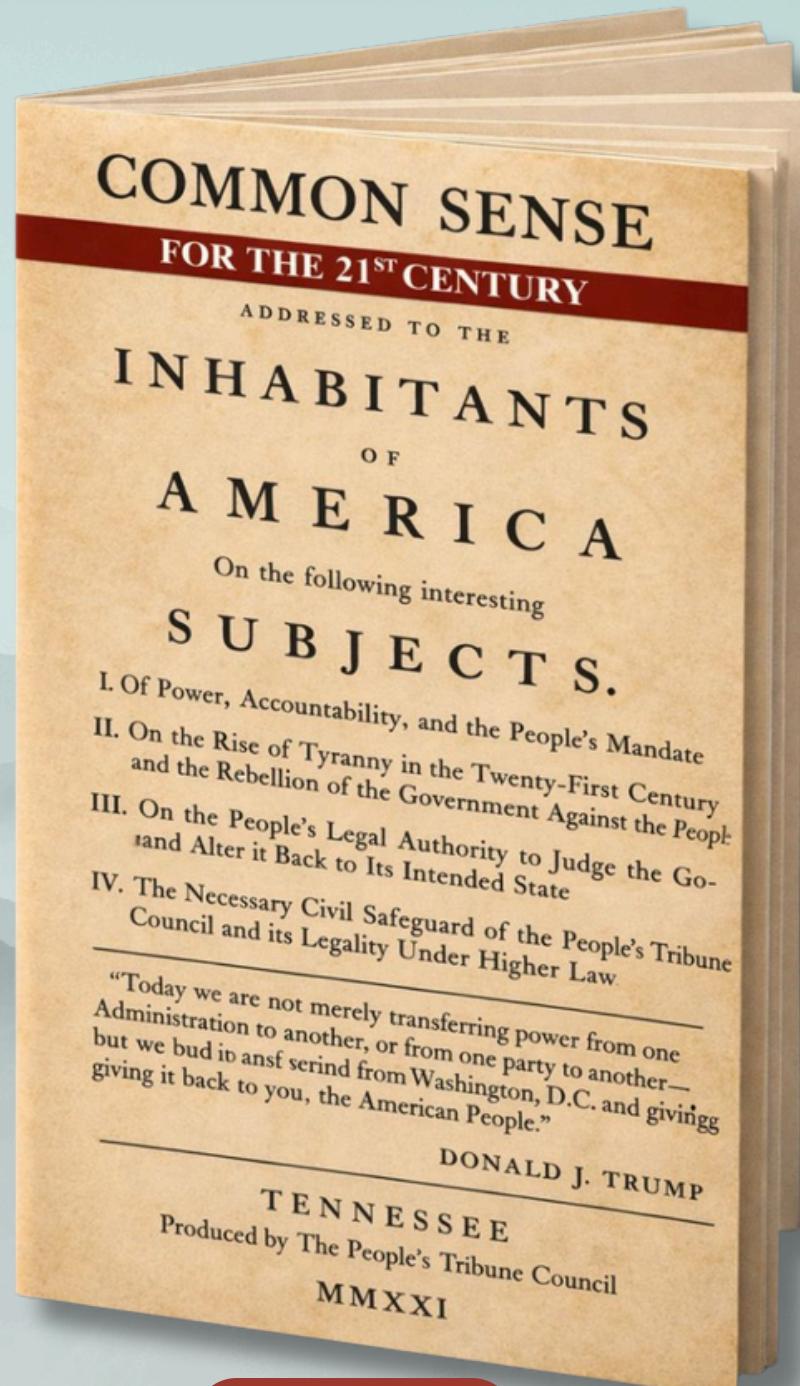
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A Letter from the Wife of a Political Prisoner



I just arrived home after dropping my husband, **Keonne Rodriguez**, off at FPC Morgantown to begin serving a five-year prison term for a crime he is innocent of.

My first instinct was to reach for my phone to let him know I arrived safely. This is a habit I will need to learn to break. I'm uncertain when I will next be able to speak with my husband, as it can take several days for inmates to gain access to the phone system. For now, I will simply have to wait.

I know this situation is real, but a part of me still struggles to accept that it has come to this. Since the raid on our home in April 2024, I have often thought that surely this must be the moment when they realize their mistake and this nightmare would come to an end. Unfortunately, another chapter is just beginning.

Our Christmas tree is up, hung with ornaments we've collected over the years—each one a happy memory of better times. I am dreading the monotony of the days ahead without my husband. **For the past fourteen years, Keonne and I have spent nearly every day together.** The thought of not being able to walk into his office for an unexpected hug, to share a funny picture, or to pester him for his attention is going to be incredibly difficult. The house feels emptier already.

I will be going to bed tonight with an acute awareness of the emptiness of Keonne's side of the bed, wondering how he is coping as he serves the first of 1,826 days in federal prison for a crime he is innocent of. I will be praying for his safety and for his quick return to me. We may be apart, but our love remains as steadfast as ever. This is what I hold onto with all my heart.

The consequences of this case do not just affect Keonne, his business partner Bill, and our loved ones. **The novel theories put forth by the Southern District of New York (SDNY) classify open-source code—created for legitimate privacy purposes—as criminal, and hold developers accountable for the misuse of their software by malicious actors.**

This is regulation by indictment, circumventing democracy and due process. Such actions represent a grave abuse and directly contradict the Department of Justice's mandate to uphold the rule of law, protect civil rights, and ensure fair justice.

When executives of a company that has operated lawfully for a decade under the guidance of federal regulations from FinCEN find themselves subjected to a predawn raid by the FBI-HRT, without prior notice of an investigation or any communication from a government agency, **there is something seriously wrong.** Our case exemplifies a clear violation of due process and a deviation from the principles established by the Founding Fathers to safeguard individual liberties against tyranny.

This case criminalizes code as a form of speech, infringing upon the First Amendment, and places the onus of responsibility for user actions on all software developers. As **Representative Warren Davidson of Ohio** aptly noted, "It's like blaming Microsoft for drug cartels downloading and using Excel."

The first Chief Justice of the United States, John Jay, famously stated, "**Justice is indiscriminately due to all, without regard to numbers, wealth, or rank.**" Unfortunately, the United States federal justice system has drifted far from that ideal. **Increasingly, it appears that justice—or the lack thereof—is determined by political affiliation, financial standing, or personal connections.**

Without significant reform to the operations of the American federal justice system, we, as a nation, face a deeply troubling future.





Hello FreedomTalk Readers,

My name is Keonne Rodriguez. I am writing to you from Federal Prison Camp Morgantown in West Virginia.

I surrendered to this federal facility on December 19, as required by the seventy-nine-year-old Clinton-appointed judge in the Southern District of New York, Denise Cote. I refuse to use the customary honorific “honorable” when speaking of Miss Cote because, as far as I am concerned, there was not a single iota of honor in her dusty old bones.

I pleaded guilty to the crime of “conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transmitting business” in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1960(b)(1)(C)—despite the fact that the government itself admitted that I never took possession of anyone’s money. How one can transmit something on behalf of someone when they have never taken that thing is a feat of magic that could only be conjured by the twisted mind of an unelected, partisan hack of a prosecutor.

This is especially true given that the regulator responsible for issuing the very license I am accused of not obtaining—FinCEN—explicitly told the prosecutors in my case that they did not believe I needed a license in the first place.



Most average Americans cannot believe this type of thing can happen in our justice system. I hate to tell you: it is more common than not.

My friend and business partner and I created a Bitcoin wallet software called Samourai Wallet. Our real problem was not criminal conduct—it was that the entire purpose of Samourai Wallet was to give Bitcoin users the same autonomy and privacy that comes with using physical, cold, hard cash.

The government hates any technology that returns power to the individual and takes it away from them. They want to see everything you do with your money. Our software made that more difficult for them.

We published our software for over a decade. We published under President Obama without issue. We published under the first term of President Trump without issue. Then Biden happened.

Biden declared a so-called “war on crypto,” inspired by the radical left wing of his party and spearheaded by Elizabeth Warren.

I was just one casualty in that war.

When the federal government—with its unlimited resources—declares war on you as an individual, they get you. Truth, justice, and constitutional rights do not matter. All of that gets pushed aside. When the state wants you, the state gets you—by any means necessary.

The government wanted me imprisoned for twenty-five years. I took a deal that limited that risk to “only” five years.

If Denise Cote were actually honorable, she would have thrown this case out immediately on due process and constitutional grounds. She would have held the prosecutors accountable for malicious prosecution and sanctioned them. Instead of acting as an impartial steward of justice, she behaved as an apparatchik of the prosecutor’s office.

Now only President Trump can reverse this injustice.

Please pray with me that the President pardons me and my friend and business partner, William Hill.

Thank you,

Keonne Rodriguez



Capitol Offense: The Ugly Truth Behind The Five Deaths From January 6th and 7th

The January 6, 2021 event at the U.S. Capitol has become one of the most contested and politically charged episodes in recent American history. While most discussions focus on the breach itself and the legal consequences for participants, a less-discussed aspect is the human cost associated with that day and its aftermath.

According to a detailed citizen-compiled analysis published by [StopHate.com](#), the number of deaths connected—directly and indirectly—to January 6 extends far beyond the narrow figures typically cited in official accounts. The analysis argues that the consequences of that day have continued to claim lives through stress, suicide, health decline, and prolonged legal pressure.

Official narratives have often maintained that five deaths were associated with January 6, including the shooting of **Ashli Babbitt** and the death of **Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick** the following day. However, the StopHate analysis documents a growing list of individuals whose deaths families and researchers connect to January 6 and its aftermath.

As of the most recent update, the citizen analysis lists **more than thirty deaths** associated with January 6. These include individuals who died on that day, law enforcement officers who later died by suicide, defendants who succumbed to despair amid aggressive prosecutions, and others whose health deteriorated under the weight of legal and public pressure.

These deaths are not merely statistics. Each represents a human life altered—or ended—by the cascading effects of January 6 and the federal response that followed.

Families describe prolonged emotional strain, financial ruin, and a justice system they believe has operated with little regard for proportionality or due process.

Critics of the government's handling of January 6 argue that this broader accounting reveals a pattern of punishment untethered from constitutional restraint. They contend that aggressive prosecutions, pretrial detention, and public vilification have inflicted harm well beyond the individuals originally involved in the Capitol breach.

Government and mainstream media sources generally restrict the death count to those occurring during the riot or its immediate aftermath. The citizen analysis challenges that limitation, arguing that long-term consequences—particularly suicides and stress-related deaths—cannot be meaningfully separated from the originating event.

The growing list documented by StopHate.com raises profound questions about justice, accountability, and the human cost of political conflict. It forces a reckoning with whether official narratives tell the whole story—or whether uncomfortable truths remain obscured.



For readers who wish to examine the full list of deaths, source citations, and ongoing updates, the complete analysis is available at [HERE](#).

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Saving Henry.



 In this deeply divided, often cynical time, hearing a positive story is like a balm to the soul. Rare accounts of kindness and sacrificial love push through the hardness of the partisan pavement, and hope blooms in spite of it all.

One such story involves two families and an energetic, sandy-haired two-year-old boy named Henry. This account ought to crack the calcification that years of partisan warfare have painted upon millions of hearts, and remind Americans that we are all just people after all.

Much of history has been a struggle of the individual against the abuse of the collective. From oligarchies to monarchies, men have ruled over their peers, often through tyranny and coercion. To challenge these power structures has meant persecution and even death.

While the United States was founded upon the promise of a new species of government—of, for, and by the people—over time the flame of liberty has grown increasingly dim. American society has devolved from the freedoms guaranteed by its Founding Documents and become a place where political dissent is not tolerated, and those who challenge the elite uniparty class become targets of an administrative state servile to the reigning regime. The severe backlash against American political dissenters evokes nightmare regimes like the Soviet Union, Maoist China, and Nazi Germany.

The horrific rise of ill-gained power through corruption and soul-crushing lawfare culminated in harsh treatment of those who protested what they



believed to be a stolen presidential election on January 6. Regardless of where one stands on the 2020 election, the backlash against political dissent has been extreme and inhumane.

Zooming in on the story of a young mother, **Felicia Konold**, offers poignant insight into “man’s inhumanity to man,” and the urgent need to reform an out-of-control, partisan DOJ. For Felicia, the “threat to democracy” wasn’t January 6—it was November 3.

On January 6, 2020, Felicia Konold traveled to Washington, D.C., to make her voice heard. This young, petite mother-to-be believed, like millions of others, that her vote had been stolen and that people in positions of power were threatening the sovereignty of the United States. In her brief time at the Capitol, Felicia did not threaten, assault, or harm anyone. She raised her voice in defiance of what many viewed as a raw hijacking of the will of the People.

And that was her “crime.”

With no criminal record or history of violence, Felicia was Prosecuted by the same out-of-control administrative machine that would later deem school parents “domestic terrorists.” Konold and thousands of others were branded “insurrectionists” and “terrorists” in an a priori prosecutorial farce that limited access to travel, financial institutions, and normal civic life.

These Americans were not tried under the spirit of the U.S. Constitution, but in politically biased D.C. courtrooms. Already labeled insurrectionists, they were guilty until proven innocent—if innocence was even possible. “Election deniers” were deemed a “threat to democracy” simply because they questioned an election.

Following January 6, Konold was jailed for two weeks, then placed under home confinement for nine months—through the birth of her son Henry—for the “safety of the public.” This confinement was not credited as time served and prevented her from working or living a normal life. She waited years for sentencing until

January 2024, when she was summoned back to Washington. Initially facing up to 32 years in prison, her attorney reduced the potential sentence to four. As the hearing approached, Konold's greatest fear was not prison—it was who would care for her now two-year-old son.

Andrea Walker, who had met Felicia shortly before Henry's birth, learned of the situation and stepped in.

"My husband Kelly and I didn't even have to discuss it," Walker said. "There was no question."

Andrea flew from Tennessee to Tucson, Arizona, signed power of attorney for Henry's guardianship, and flew home the next day.

"I couldn't believe someone would do something like that for me and my son," said Konold.

Perhaps taking the young mother's devotion into account, the judge sentenced Konold to 45 days in prison, followed by home confinement, probation, and heavy fines. Before reporting, Konold drove Henry cross-country to stay with the Walkers and their three children, then surrendered to FCI Dublin in California.

FCI Dublin was so abusive toward female inmates that it was shut down in April 2024 after decades of sexual abuse. Seven officers—including the former warden—were convicted. Ironically, lawmakers who had supported harsh

treatment of January 6 defendants later complained of "shocking abuses" when the prison closed and inmates were transferred.

Konold reported that because of her J6 label, she was marked as a high-risk inmate, placed in solitary confinement, excessively monitored, and subjected to harassment. She described being locked in a wire cage during a cold downpour, then thrown into a frigid cell with one thin blanket.

"This woman did not deserve to go to prison," said broadcaster **Grant Stinchfield**. "But because she's a Trump supporter, they persecuted her."

For the nebulous "crime" of being labeled a "threat to democracy," a young mother was separated from her child, thrown into a gulag known for abuse, and fired from her job.

Questioning one's government is the very essence of democracy.

After Konold's release, friends again stepped in to reunite mother and son. Andrea Walker reflected on caring for Henry: "It was not easy. To comfort him in the night, to hold him when he was sick—it was a horrible injustice that the state took away this boy's mother. We were glad to help, but it should have been her."

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The Power of the Tribune



A Tribune is a citizen entrusted to stand between the People and the abuse of power. Drawn from the ancient Roman tradition of the *Tribunus Plebis*, and the principles of the United States' Founding, a Tribune exists not to govern, but to restrain—to intercede when institutions fail, to give voice to the silenced, and to hold authority publicly accountable. The power of the Tribunes lies in truth, transparency, and the collective conscience of the People they serve.

In this time of weaponized bureaucracy, selective justice, and institutional gaslighting, the [People's Tribune Council](#) exists to answer a simple question: **What power do the People retain when the systems meant to protect them become instruments of abuse?**

The Council's power is not derived from statutes, budgets, or force of arms, but the power of the People themselves—unity, visibility, memory, and accountability—what corrupt institutions fear most. Where persecution thrives on silence and isolation, the Council intervenes publicly, shining light into the shadows in which corrupt power operates.

Public Intercession (Standing in the Gap)

The Council's first act of power is presence. When citizens are targeted, silenced, or crushed by process, the Council stands with them—openly and publicly—in person when needed. Names, facts, and documented evidence are placed on the record where they cannot be ignored or erased. The People are watching—and the People's Tribunes stand with the oppressed.

Civic Indictments

The Council compiles formal, fact-checked case files documenting individual abuses—timelines, actions taken, and evidence preserved. Beyond isolated cases, it produces pattern reports identifying recurring methods of retaliation, procedural punishment, and jurisdictional evasion across agencies and offices. When evidence is clear, the Council issues Formal Findings of Abuse—written determinations entered into the public record. These are not legal charges, but civic indictments: moral and political judgments rendered in the court of public conscience. Once published, these records follow abusers forever.

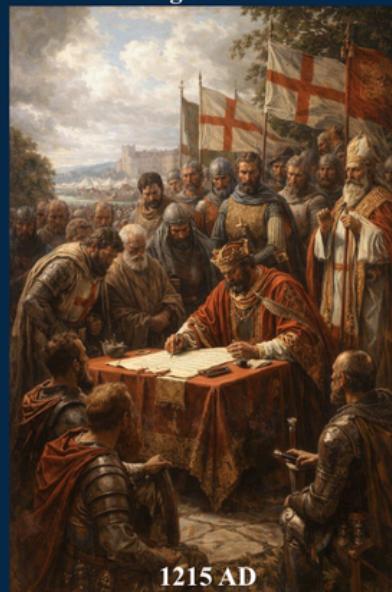
National Amplification

Abuse survives by isolating victims and outlasting attention spans. The Council exists to prevent both. Through coordinated media engagement, the Council drives verified cases into public view and sustains attention until responsibility is faced. The goal is simple: make persecution socially, politically, and historically costly.

The Roman Tribune



Magna Carta



The Declaration of Independence



The People's Tribune Council



Confronting Authority Directly

Like the Roman Tribunes who stood between the people and abusive magistrates, the Council confronts power openly, fearlessly and without apology. It issues formal demand letters to officials at every level, placing them on notice and requiring explanations. Tribunes are ready and willing to confront abusers in person, peacefully, but adamantly. Silence becomes evidence.

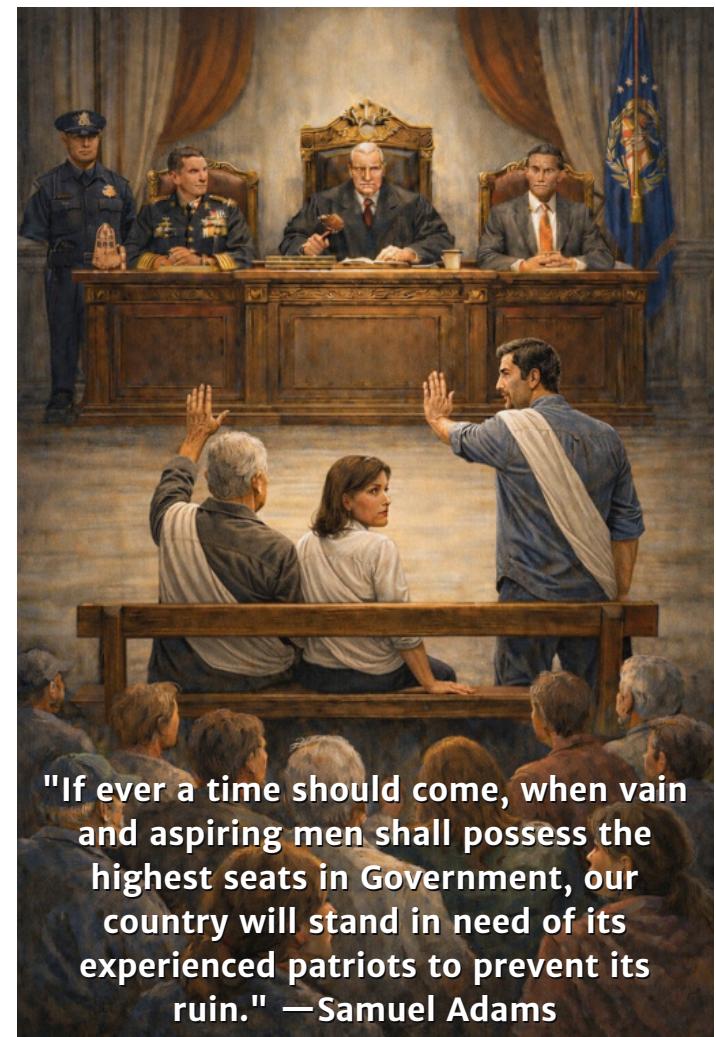
Solidarity as a Shield

Tyranny thrives on isolation. The Council forges visible coalitions around the targeted—connecting families to attorneys, journalists, faith leaders, donors, and advocates—while coordinating legal defense, fundraising, and civic presence. Isolation is the weapon; solidarity is the counterpunch.

Civic Witness and the Modern Veto

The Council bears witness by showing up in courtrooms, hearings, and public forums, preserving testimony so no one can later claim ignorance. In extreme cases, it exercises a modern civic veto—publicly naming illegitimate acts, calling the People to interpose, demanding answers, escalating to the highest authorities, and preserving judgment in the historical record.

When the Council declares *intercedo*: “I forbid,” it means: “We formally interpose the authority of the American People against this action.”



“If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin.” — Samuel Adams



Discover the Founding Tribunes at ThePeoplesTribuneCouncil.com. Additional volunteer Tribunes will be added soon, each focused on specific areas of injustice.

The People's Tribune Council derives its legitimacy from First Principles recognized by the Founders: that **“the people are the only legitimate fountain of power.”** As James Madison affirmed, all constitutional authority flows from the People; those entrusted with it remain accountable to them at all times, not merely at elections.

Formally established on December 16, 2025, by experienced citizen statesmen, the Council is a historically grounded civic safeguard—created to assist the People in exercising **the supervisory judgment the Founders presumed they would never surrender**. When government departs from its constitutional purpose—evading accountability, weaponizing law, or ruling by fiat rather than consent—**the People retain both the right and the duty to judge that abuse and demand correction**, a duty Madison repeatedly defended in *The Federalist Papers* (notably Nos. 46 and 49). The Council exists to ensure that government remains the servant of the People, not their master.

Each Tribune enters service knowing that defending the Republic may require personal sacrifice—comfort, reputation, livelihood, and, in the gravest cases, even life itself. Like the Roman tribunes whose doors were kept open day and night so the People could seek protection without fear or delay, **Tribunes make themselves readily accessible to those facing injustice**. This understanding is foundational to our Republic, echoing the Founders' pledge of their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. **Tribunes serve principle over power, standing between tyranny and the People it targets, rejecting blind obedience to unjust authority and affirming a higher obligation: the preservation of the Republic and the protection of the innocent.** 21

KEEPING FAITH AND HOPE UNDER PERSECUTION



I know a woman named Ms. Hanatu. She was a school principal in northeast Nigeria. In 2014, Boko Haram came to her town. They killed the men first—hacked them to death with machetes. Then they started killing the women. She fled barefoot in the dark with her three daughters.

She made it to Cameroon. Boko Haram followed. A nursing mother sitting next to her was shot dead. The Cameroon government herded the survivors into cattle trailers like livestock and dumped them back across the border. She eventually landed in a camp in the middle of Abuja—500 miles from home—where she built a shanty from sticks and feedbags next to a sewage ditch. Effectively, it's a concentration camp for displaced Christians. The government denies it exists.

When I met her five years later, I asked how we could help. She didn't ask for food. She didn't ask for medicine or money. She asked for one thing: "Please, help us educate these children."

That floored me. Here was a woman who had lost everything to a government that denied her existence, called her a criminal, and threatened to bulldoze her home. And her response was not bitterness. It was purpose.

This month marks five years since January 6th. Whatever your view of those events, Americans are now grappling with something much of the world already knows: what happens when justice becomes elective, when the system punishes political enemies while shielding allies, when the rule of law gives way to the rule of power.

We are novices at this. Nigerians are not.

I have walked through camps where survivors of genocide live in squalor while their government denies they exist. I have met believers who watched family members butchered for their faith and still gather to worship under trees. I have seen what real persecution looks like—and what real hope looks like in the face of it. Here's what they taught me:

First: know who you are. Persecution strips away everything external. What remains is identity. Ms. Hanatu knew she was called to teach. That calling didn't evaporate when her school was burned. It burned brighter. When circumstances try to define you, your purpose must anchor you.

Second: serve others. The surest path out of despair is to stop focusing on yourself. Ms. Hanatu didn't wallow in victimhood. She started a school under a tree. When you pour into others, you find meaning that persecution cannot steal.

Third: play the long game. Injustice has an expiration date. Systems built on lies collapse under their own weight. The Nigerian believers I know have an unshakable confidence that truth will outlast tyranny. They have to. It's all they have.

Finally: there is no such thing as darkness. It is merely the absence of light. The camps I've walked through exist in the shadows of megachurches that do nothing. The genocide continues because good people stay silent. Darkness wins when the light doesn't show up. But when it does—when truth is spoken, when injustice is named, when even one person refuses to look away—the darkness has no defense.

Americans who feel persecuted today would do well to remember: we still have tools they don't. A free press. Elections. Courts. The right to speak. Use them. Fight smart. And keep your eyes fixed on something bigger than the moment.

That's how you keep faith and hope under persecution.

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PRO-LIFE PROTESTERS

EQUAL JUSTICE OR SELECTIVE PUNISHMENT

The decision by President Donald Trump to pardon 23 pro-life activists convicted under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act on January 23, 2025, just ahead of the national March for Life rally in Washington, D.C., raised a foundational question for any constitutional republic: Can the law be enforced without regard to political viewpoint—or has justice itself become partisan?

The activists, many of them elderly, were prosecuted and sentenced during the Biden administration for their roles in abortion clinic protests dating back several years. Some served prison time. Others faced lengthy sentences before clemency intervened. Supporters argue the prosecutions represented a harsh and selective use of federal power; critics contend the law was applied as written to protect access to healthcare facilities.

But the deeper issue is whether laws are being applied evenly, or whether enforcement decisions are shaped by ideology. The FACE Act, passed in 1994, was designed to prohibit force, threats, or obstruction at reproductive healthcare facilities. On paper, it is focused on preventing violence or physical altercations. In practice, however, critics have long argued that enforcement has been lopsided.

The Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision (2022) overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, holding that the Constitution does not confer a federal right to abortion and returning primary regulatory authority to the states and their elected representatives. In the aftermath of *Dobbs*, however, while pro-life activists were aggressively prosecuted, dozens of churches and pregnancy resource centers were vandalized or firebombed, with comparatively few federal prosecutions to show for it.





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This disparity fueled the perception that political and religious beliefs, not conduct, drove prosecutorial priorities. That perception matters. In a free society, the legitimacy of law does not rest solely on statutes, but on public confidence that enforcement is *fair and protection equal*.

The pro-life activists themselves emphasized this point in post-pardon interviews. Several stated they did not deny their actions but objected to being treated as criminals while similar—or worse—conduct by others was ignored. They framed their prosecutions not as neutral law enforcement, but as punishment for holding disfavored views.

A memo distributed by Department of Justice chief of staff Chad Mizelle in January said, “To many Americans, prosecutions and civil actions under the FACE act have been the prototypical example” of weaponization of the federal government.

“To address this concern and to ensure that federal law enforcement and prosecutorial resources are devoted to the most serious violations of federal law, future abortion-related FACE Act prosecutions and civil actions will be permitted only in extraordinary circumstances,” the memo says.

Presidential pardons are blunt instruments that do not resolve legal questions as much as signal political judgment. In this case, Trump’s action was framed as a corrective—an acknowledgment that the scales of justice had tilted too far in one ideological direction.

The answer is not selective leniency for one side or another, nor is it immunity for favored causes. The answer is simple and demanding: the law must be applied without fear or favor, without regard to political affiliation, religious belief, or cultural power. When justice is tainted by political viewpoint, it ceases to be justice at all.

Presumed Guilty

By Kelly John Walker



When Othello abandons the presumption of innocence for rumor and jealousy, Desdemona is condemned without evidence or defense. Shakespeare's tragedy warns that when judgment comes before truth, innocence cannot survive, and justice gives way to disaster.

When the Department of Justice (DOJ) arrests or indicts an individual—whether it is a sitting congressman, a political dissident, or a high-profile financier—the public and media increasingly behave as though guilt has already been established. In the United States legal system, however, being charged with a crime is not the same as being guilty. The presumption of innocence is not a courtesy; it is a cornerstone of justice.

The presumption of innocence is deeply rooted in the Anglo-American legal tradition. It traces back centuries in common law and is reflected in international human-rights agreements such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. In the United States, it is reinforced by the Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments, which guarantee due process, fair trials, and impartial juries. These protections exist precisely to prevent punishment before proof.

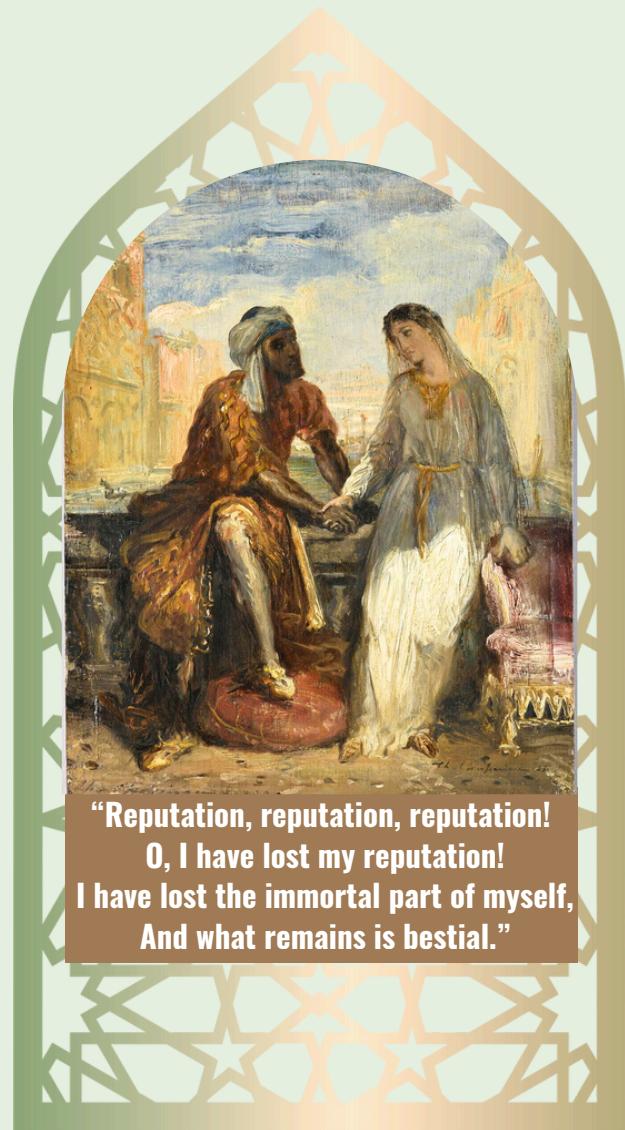
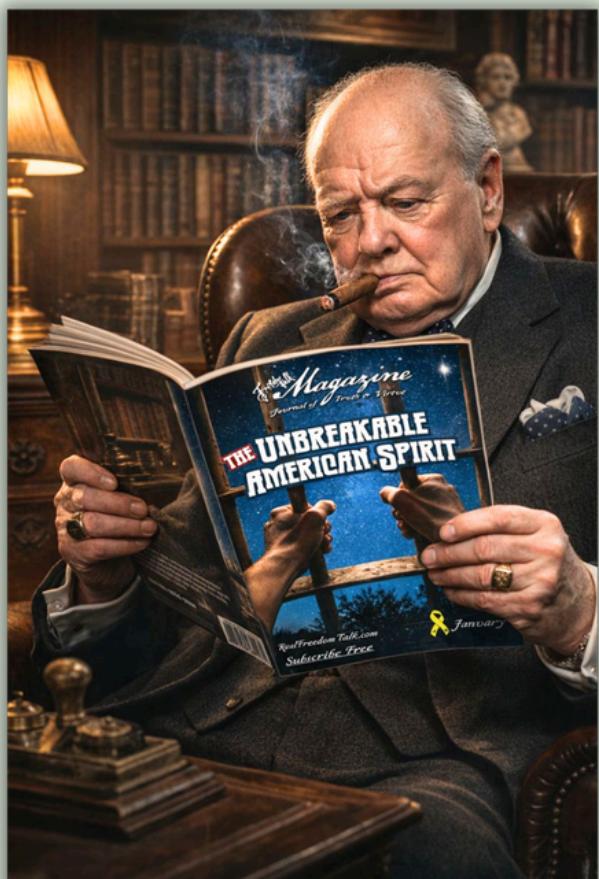
Yet in practice, this foundational principle is increasingly disregarded. In today's media environment, allegations are often treated as conclusions, with headlines and commentary presenting accusations as established fact. The court of public opinion moves faster than the court of law, and reputations are destroyed long before evidence is weighed. In a nation that once prided itself on the rule of law, presumption of innocence is becoming a formality rather than a lived reality.

This erosion is driven in part by prosecutorial behavior and media amplification. Prosecutors issue press releases filled with dramatic allegations, while major outlets repeat them with little restraint. The result is a form of trial by media, in which defendants are convicted socially and professionally before they ever appear before a jury. The safeguards designed to protect the accused are rendered meaningless when judgment precedes adjudication. The presumption of innocence is not merely procedural—it is moral. It exists to shield individuals from being punished by society, the press, or the state before a lawful verdict is reached. It places the burden squarely on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, rather than forcing defendants to prove their innocence against a hostile public narrative.

The media's role in this process cannot be ignored. By blurring the line between accusation and conviction, journalists contribute to the steady erosion of due process. When reporting abandons restraint, it undermines the very justice system it claims to inform the public about. Unfortunately, the dishonest media too often treats the official government narrative as authoritative (usually only when their political opponents are accused), rather than as untried accusations. Public outcry can be leveraged to justify detention, asset seizure, and prolonged legal battles before trial, as was the case with J6 suspects, many of whom were incarcerated without bail even before formal charges were filed.

If the presumption of innocence becomes little more than a slogan—acknowledged in theory but ignored in practice—then it ceases to function as a safeguard. Reputations are ruined, livelihoods destroyed, and lives altered long before a jury is ever sworn in.

If the Department of Justice, the media, and the public continue down this path, the constitutional promise of presumption of innocence risks being hollowed out entirely. Upholding this principle requires more than lip service. It demands restraint, rigor, and respect for due process—regardless of political party.



“The name of Shakespeare stands supreme in the literature of the English-speaking world. He was the greatest poet and dramatist of all time, and his works form the foundation of our language and our thought. We are all debtors to Shakespeare, and none more so than those of us who speak the English tongue. His phrases have become part of our daily speech; his characters are more familiar to us than historical figures; his wisdom reaches into every corner of human experience. In Shakespeare, the English language found its richest expression, and through him it has become one of the great vehicles of civilization.” -Winston Churchill

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