

## Is Trump Unable to Discharge the Duties of High Office? Should He be Impeached?

Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein: A Fifth Column Threat

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Rosenstein is part of Washington cabal, wanting Trump impeached and removed from office – for the wrong reasons. True enough, The Donald is bombastic, a racist, a serial liar and a misogynist.

Philosophy Professor Kate Manne says the later trait isn't about male hostility or hatred toward women. It's about wanting to control and punish them for challenging male dominance – "because they're women in a man's world, a historical patriarchy" in America and most other societies.

There's plenty about Trump to criticize, mainly his endless wars of aggression, exclusive support for privileged interests, and advancing the nation toward totalitarian rule – major high crimes which his critics ignore.

Throughout the 2016 presidential campaign, 'dark forces" plotted against him, wanting him prevented from being elected.

Pre-inauguration, a slow-motion coup d'etat against him began, continuing throughout his tenure, wanting him impeached and removed from office, Pence a convenient puppet in waiting to replace him.

No president in US history was ever removed from office by impeachment.

Under the Constitution's Article II, Section 4, impeachment and conviction require proving "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

The Constitution's Article I, Section 2 empowers House members to impeach a sitting president. Senate members alone are empowered to try them.

Like most of his predecessors, Trump is guilty of crimes of war and against humanity and other serious offenses – unmentioned by critics. No legal basis exists, however, for charging him with obstruction of justice.

No evidence suggests it. Nothing indicates he or his team colluded improperly or illegally with anyone in Russia.

Anything related to his private sex life isn't an impeachable offense. Nor are his views on any issues – no matter how extreme, offensive and unacceptable.

Trump's deputy AG Rosenstein is his sworn enemy - in cahoots with other forces in

Washington, wanting him impeached and removed from office.

On Friday, the anti-Trump NYT said he

"suggested last year that he secretly record (the president) in the White House to expose the chaos consuming the administration, and he discussed recruiting cabinet members to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Mr. Trump from office for being unfit."

It provides procedures for replacing the president or vice president in case of death, removal, resignation, or incapacitation.

Abuse of power and other high crimes are impeachable offense, not unfitness, illness or emotional disorders.

Lincoln was elected president despite suffering from lifelong depression.

Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Chester Arthur, Woodrow Wilson, FDR, JFK and Reagan were affected by illnesses during their tenure, hampering their ability to govern – none targeted for removal from office by impeachment, Kennedy removed by statesponsored assassination.

Trump is accused of narcissism, likely applying to most seekers of high office in America and elsewhere. It's not an impeachable offense.

Section 4 of the 25th Amendment states:

"Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President."

No evidence suggests Trump is "unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office." Unlike many of his predecessors, he's not too ill or otherwise unable to serve.

Claiming otherwise is all about plotting a coup to remove him from office. Section 4 was never invoked against sitting presidents unable to perform his duties because of illness, no matter how serious.

Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy, William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, James Garfield, William McKinley, and Warren Harding died in office – Section 4 never invoked to remove them from office before death.

Rosenstein is a fifth column threat to an elected president, ample just cause to remove him for coup plotting.

In cahoots with undemocratic Dems and special counsel Robert Mueller, he's involved in the diabolical Russiagate witch-hunt to delegitimize Trump for the wrong reasons – waging

political war to remove him from office, along with falsely accusing Russia of meddling in the US political process.

An administration member plotting against its leader should be sacked straightaway. Rosenstein opposed Trump's summit with Putin to improve relations.

Forces in Washington, including the deputy AG, want them kept implacably hostile, serving the interests of the military, industrial, security, media complex.

World peace, stability, and cooperative relations with all nations defeat their diabolical aim for unchallenged global dominance by whatever it takes to achieve it – endless wars of aggression their favored strategy.

According to the Times,

"(n)one of Mr. Rosenstein's proposals apparently came to fruition," adding he told deputy FBI director Andrew McCabe "he might be able to persuade Attorney General Jeff Sessions and John F. Kelly, then the secretary of homeland security and now the White House chief of staff, to mount an effort to invoke the 25th Amendment" against Trump.

"A Justice Department spokeswoman also provided a statement from a person who was present when Mr. Rosenstein proposed wearing a wire. The person, who would not be named, acknowledged the remark but said Mr. Rosenstein made it sarcastically."

The Times claimed unnamed other DOJ officials said his proposal was serious, wanting the FBI involved in secretly wiretapping Trump.

Whether the Times-reported scenario is partly or entirely true or fabricated is unknown. Unnamed sources are always suspect.

Rosenstein denied the Times' report. AG Jeff Sessions recused himself from the Russiagate probe over legitimate contacts with Russia's envoy to Washington Sergey Kislyak when serving as a US senator.

At the time, his spokeswoman Sarah Flores said he had over 25 conversations with foreign ambassadors in the past year, including from Australia, Britain, Canada, China, Germany, India, Japan, South Korea, as well as Russia – part of his job as a Senate Armed Services Committee member.

Numerous other Republican and undemocratic Dems also met with Kislyak, Sessions alone unjustifiably criticized over nothing.

His recusal and national security advisor Michael Flynn ousting was all about bashing Trump and Russia.

Undemocratic Dems, other forces in Washington, hostile media and Rosenstein's hostility toward Trump are part of a plot to remove him from office for the wrong reasons.

Succeeding will drive another stake into the heart of the republic, things on a slippery slope toward full-blown tyranny.

The way things are going, whether Trump survives or is ousted, it's just a matter of time.

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