## Which Attack on Which Branch of Government Is the Most Serious Threat to Democracy?

In the last six years, Americans have witnessed an attack on each branch of the federal government. The first attack occurred in 2016 when Hillary Clinton and her campaign orchestrated a complex conspiracy to frame Donald Trump as a Russian pawn controlled by Vladimir Putin. This scheme involved top officials in the Obama Administration, including Barack Obama and Joe Biden, as well as top leaders in the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S. State Department, and other elements of the Intel Community. The scheme went well beyond a campaign "dirty trick," as those involved pushed their activities, including spying and wiretapping, into President-Elect Trump's transition and the entirety of his presidency.

Ultimately, the Clinton conspiracy spawned the grossly-biased Robert Mueller Special Counsel investigation staffed with hyper-partisan Democrat lawyers that cost taxpayers over \$35 million, forced dozens of innocent Trump Administration personnel to incur tens of millions of dollars in legal fees, and crippled the Trump Administration, as top officials had to devote time and attention to Mueller's henchmen. Even worse, the Clinton conspiracy paralyzed the Trump Administration's ability to deal with Russia and Putin, as every move made was viewed through the tainted lens foisted on America by Clinton. There is a direct line from the Clinton conspiracy to the war in Ukraine.

We've learned an enormous amount of information on the sheer breadth and depth of the conspiracy over the last two years thanks to John Durham's investigation. Thus far, other than a DOJ attorney (plea deal by Kevin Clinesmith) and the Clinton Campaign (fined by the Federal Election Commission), not one person or entity involved in the Clinton conspiracy has yet paid any penalty for the unprecedented attack on the executive branch. That said, roughly half of America now rightly holds deep suspicions about the FBI, DOJ, CIA, and Intel Community on how those entities treat right-leaning Americans and their leaders.

Those suspicions tear at the very fabric of our democracy and have created a polarizing political environment that weakens America.

The second attack came on January 6, 2020, when, contrary to Trump's express statement to do so peacefully, a small group of the 30,000+ rally attendees took their grievances about the 2020 election to Congress, which led to some violence and illegal entry into the Capitol by several hundred people. A smaller subset of those individuals caused damage to the building. Though there were physical attacks on law enforcement, contrary to the biased media and the Left, the only rioters, including the unarmed death of Ashley Babbitt, suffered deaths that day.

Because of the riot, senators and representatives briefly evacuated the Capitol, thereby pausing the official electoral vote count. Ultimately, the event lasted less than six hours and Congress reconvened to ratify Biden's election as president. The Biden Administration has zealously pursued cases against anyone who so much as stepped foot briefly on the Capitol grounds. At the same time, the 2020 left-wing rioters who attacked federal buildings, including The White

House, destroyed tens of billions in property, stole tens of millions of dollars of goods from stores, and caused injuries and death to over 1,000 law enforcement personnel were not zealously pursued and those who were caught were given wrist-slaps, with their bond covered by funds supported by Vice-President Kamala Harris.

Though the one-sided January 6 Select Committee is doing its best, including hiring a Hollywood producer, to paint the riot as the worst event in U.S. history, which requires it to ignore past left-wing bombings at the Capitol, many Americans have tuned out its overtly partisan work. The sole goal of the committee is to stop Trump from running in 2024. Just look who sits on the sham committee: Clinton conspiracy leaker-in-chief Adam Schiff, Bennie Thompson and Jamie Raskin who made identical legal and constitutional electoral challenges in 2004 and 2016 as Trump did in 2020, and NeverTrumpers Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger who were handpicked by Nancy Pelosi to serve as rubberstamp Republicans.

After over a year of digging that involved over 1,000 interviews and millions of pages of information, the committee has found zero proof that the riot was little more than a group of Trump supporters who got carried away by their emotions and frustrations. What they did was dumb and those who did damage or fought with law enforcement should be penalized, but no more than any of the 2020 rioters who did exactly that same type or worse things. There is no evidence the riot was premeditated or involved planning or direction by Trump in any way.

One must wonder how the Capitol riot was a more severe attack on the legislative branch than the attempted assassination of Republican Majority Whip Steve Scalise who nearly died along with the other Republican congresspersons present with Scalise when left-wing domestic terrorist James Hodgkinson opened fire on them in 2017. Like a teenage social media addict, Squad Leader Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez feigned being threatened on January 6 to snag "likes." In stark contrast, Scalise was nearly killed, experienced a long-term hospitalization, and underwent grueling physical therapy to fully recover.

The riot certainly made America look ridiculous, but it did little to actually harm our democracy.

The final attack came on June 8, 2022, when Nicholas John Roske arrived at U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's house where he planned to kill Kavanaugh and his family. Roske turned himself in when he saw the Kavanaugh home was heavily guarded by law enforcement personnel. Roske's assassination attempt was spurred by the leak draft Supreme Court decision that would overturn the abortion case, *Roe v. Wade*. After the leak, left-wing groups published the home addresses of conservative Supreme Court justices so left-wing protestors could put pressure on them to reverse their opinions before the 5-4 draft opinion became final.

As with the double standard applied by Biden's DOJ regarding 2020 rioters and 1/6ers, the overly political DOJ is not arresting protestors at Supreme Court justices' homes even though it is a federal felony to do so – even now after an assassination attempt has occurred. America truly should be grateful Senator Mitch McConnell stopped Merrick Garland from becoming a

Supreme Court justice, as his actions as Attorney General reveal him to be a garden variety political hack unworthy of wearing a black robe on the highest court.

Within hours of the Kavanaugh assassination attempt and only a week after the deadly school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, Ruth Sent Us, a left-wing group, published the school address where Justice Amy Coney Barrett's seven kids go to school. It takes little imagination to wonder what Ruth Sent Us intends for someone to do with that information. After all, it was only two years ago when Senator Chuck Schumer expressly called for violence against Kavanaugh and Justice Neil Gorsuch when he stated at an abortion rally:

"I want to tell you, Gorsuch, I want to tell you, Kavanaugh: you have released the whirlwind, and you will pay the price. You won't know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions."

Schumer and his left-wing allies in the media are trying to downplay this rhetoric now, but there is only one reasonable conclusion that comes from language such as "you will pay the price" and "you won't know what hit you" given that Supreme Court justices receive lifetime appointments. There is nothing short of violence that can be done to them to make them "pay the price" or get "hit."

This type of physical intimidation – whether Schumer's verbal threats or Roske's assassination attempt – is squarely aimed at altering the Supreme Court's deliberative process so that justices decide cases based on fear, not based on the facts and the Constitution. You couldn't blame Barrett or Kavanaugh for fearing for the lives of their children. They would have to be superhuman not to allow that fear to creep into their minds as they decide hot-button cases in the coming months and years. When that happens, we no longer are governed by the rule of law.

I frankly can think of nothing more anti-democratic than exercising brute force to get what you want. It is something straight out of *The Godfather*—you'll do what we want if you know what is good for you, pisan, as I'd hate to see you or your kid swimming with the fish.

So, you decide: which attack on which federal branch was the worst? One that lasted a few hours, one that lasted an entire presidency, or one that will last indefinitely? The answer is obvious to anyone with a shred of honesty and open-mindedness.