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Truth is a Force of Nature



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Throughout this article, I'm going to outline an interesting series of events that transpired very early on in Trump's Presidency. Although I'm not certain, as there isn't a document out there that directly spells this out, I believe this series of events may be what started the irregular warfare efforts that have culminated in the current devolution operation we see unfolding.

Heck, maybe this series of events could be what led to Q and the drops. Reminder: I haven't read the Q drops so it may be inappropriate for me to even comment on them, but in terms of irregular warfare, could there have been a greater weapon than Q? Some of the most awakened and informed people I know became that way directly because of Q. In an information war and battle for the narrative, you would need something like Q as part of your offensive.

I'm simply going to lay out the events for you and welcome you to come to the conclusions for yourself. We will see many familiar faces to devolution which is why I believe there may be something

to this story, even if we don't quite have the full picture.

Before we dig in, I'd like to do a quick recap of Devolution - Part 22 in which I outlined that we are in an ongoing irregular warfare campaign and Trump and his team made many moves directly alluding to that fact. Here is some of my closing from Part 22:

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*“Narratives are at the center of irregular warfare.”*

Herein lies the entire point I'm trying to make. Trump and his team knew all along that the crimes of the political establishment were going to culminate with them stealing the election. He repeatedly told us the election would be stolen. They also knew he would have no choice but to walk away. It was the only thing he could do to avoid civil war.

He implemented devolution using irregular warfare - and irregular warfare is exactly what we have been seeing unfold since the day the election was stolen.

This war has been a battle for the narrative.

Ever since Joe Biden was “inaugurated”, his legitimacy has been eroding. Many of us already knew it was a stolen election, but this battle for the narrative is taking place over the normies. Is there any doubt why Donald Trump always called the MSM the enemy of the people? They are the ones who have been controlling the narrative for so long. Since January 20th, 2021, the MSM has been losing control of their grip on the narrative, piece by piece. Think of the change in narratives that has occurred since Joe Biden's Inauguration (just off the top of my head)

- Russian Collusion, Spycgate, and the Durham investigation
- Impeachments 1 and 2
- Covid-19
  - 2 weeks to slow the spread
  - Masks work then don't work
  - Trump tried killing people pushing HCQ
  - Vaccines Work
  - Vaccines are effective
  - and much more
- Biden Corruption
- Hunter Biden Laptop
- Most secure election in history
- January 6th
- Every single aspect of Joe Biden's Presidency

Each one of these narratives, and many not included, have been dismantled in a coordinated and precise assault.

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*“If your opponent is of choleric temper, seek to irritate him. Pretend to be weak, that he may grow arrogant” - Sun Tzu*

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By walking away from the stolen election, Donald Trump appeared more than weak - he appeared to be defeated. Really, it was just the start of the irregular warfare campaign to take back our country.

This war over the narrative and control of America has been raging for some time. Trump and his team have been preparing their counteroffensive for years. It was put into motion when the election was stolen.

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Donald Trump's recent 12-page statement of straight fire should provide you all the confirmation you need that we are truly in the middle of an irregular warfare battle centered around control of the narratives. He literally used the word “narrative” eight times throughout. But as I have been saying, this battle for the narrative is nothing new. It has been happening for decades.

## The Context

With what we now know about irregular warfare, the battle over the narrative can be examined in a new light. Prior to Trump even announcing his run for President, the political establishment had already been carefully crafting their narratives for many years and they had the process down to a science. It was much more subtle then, but it's extremely obvious now.

The political establishment uses narratives to attain their national policy goals - and these goals typically involve more government control. Because they have always controlled the information environment, they have been able to successfully drive the outcomes of certain issues and events, and then they will try to use it to pass legislation. There are so many examples of this over the years.

- Every school shooting is a call for gun control

- Typically focused on ones where it's a white shooter - if you can label your political enemies as white supremacists and domestic terrorists you can kill two birds with one stone
- The world is ending because of climate change so no more energy production - just buy a damn electric car already
- People can choose to be whatever made up gender they want so if a man wants to use a woman's bathroom you have to let them
- Covid was a great example
  - Churchgoers are killing people so no more church
  - My body my choice only matters for abortions, take the damn vaccine
  - People using their free will to support your business is killing those other people driving alone in their car with a mask on. Here is a huge fine and we're shutting you down.
- Remember how they sold us on the Iran Nuclear deal? We needed to pay the terrorists a bunch of money in order to stop them from doing terrorist things and we can fully trust the terrorists to stop being terrorists because clearly terrorists only care about money and don't have some sort of deep-seated hatred for the people they inflict terrorism upon. Terrorists are superficial and materialistic, didn't you know?

Those were just a few off the top of my head, but you should get the point I'm trying to make. A political party with full control of MSM, big tech, social media, and Hollywood is extremely powerful in influencing perception and manufacturing support for their agenda. Not only do they use these tactics to influence our culture and change national policy, but they also use it to maintain their grip on power.

Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential election was a perfect example. In their attempt to ensure Hillary's victory, the political establishment created a narrative that Trump was tied to Russia. Let's examine a few key pieces of the timeline:

## **Russia, Russia, Russia**

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- ***April 26, 2016:*** Investigative reporter Michael Isikoff publishes a story on Yahoo News about Paul Manafort's business dealings with a Russian oligarch.

- **April 27, 2016:** The BBC publishes an article titled, "Why Russians Love Donald Trump."
- **June 9, 2016:** Meeting in Trump Tower includes Donald Trump Jr., Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort and Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner with Russian lawyer who said he has political opposition research on Clinton. (No research was ultimately provided.) According to CNN, the FBI has not yet restarted a wiretap against Manafort but will soon do so.
- **June 17, 2016:** Washington Post publishes front page story linking Trump to Russia: "Inside Trump's Financial Ties to Russia and His Unusual Flattery of Vladimir Putin."
- **Aug. 8, 2016:** FBI attorney Lisa Page texts her lover, FBI's head of Counterespionage Peter Strzok, "[Trump is] not ever going to become president, right? Right?!" Strzok replies, "No. No he won't. We'll stop it."
- **Aug. 14, 2016:** New York Times breaks story about cash payments made a decade ago to Paul Manafort by pro-Russia interests in Ukraine. The ledger was released and publicized by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine.
- **Aug. 15, 2016:** CNN reports the FBI is conducting an inquiry into Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort's payments from pro-Russia interests in Ukraine in 2007 and 2009. After a meeting discussing the election in FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe's office, FBI's Counterespionage Chief Peter Strzok texts FBI attorney Lisa Page referring to the possibility of Trump getting elected. "We can't take that risk," he writes. And they speak of needing an "insurance policy."
- **Sept. 2016:** Fusion GPS's Steele becomes FBI source and uses Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr as point of contact. Steele tells Ohr that he's "desperate that Donald Trump not get elected."  
President Obama warns Russia not to interfere in the U.S. election
- **Oct. 7, 2016:** Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and Department of Homeland Security issue statement saying Russian government is responsible for hacking Democrat emails to disrupt 2016 election.
- **Oct. 18, 2016:** President Obama advises Trump to "stop whining" after Trump tweeted the election could be rigged. "There is no serious person out there who would suggest somehow that you could even you could even rig America's elections," said Obama. He also calls Trump's "flattery" of Russian president Putin "unprecedented."
- **Oct. 24, 2016:** Benjamin Wittes, confidant of FBI Director James Comey and editor-in-chief of the blog Lawfare, writes of the need for an "insurance policy" in case Trump wins. It's the same

phrase FBI officials Lisa Page and Peter Strzok had used when discussing the possibility of a Trump win.

- **Nov. 3, 2016:** FBI Attorney Lisa Page texts FBI's Peter Strzok about her concerns that Clinton might lose and Trump would become president: "The [New York Times] probability numbers are dropping every day. I'm scared for our organization."
  - **Nov. 6, 2016:** FBI Director Comey tells Congress that Clinton emails on Anthony Weiner computer do not change earlier conclusion: she should not be charged.
  - **Nov. 8, 2016:** Trump is elected president.
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This isn't where the narrative died. Not even close. They created the narrative in their attempt to sway voters, but since Trump won anyway, they had no choice but to double-down and continue their push to delegitimize Donald Trump. Hence the entire Russia Collusion Hoax that continued well into Donald Trump's Presidency.

But it was much more than just that. Not only was Trump going to be the President, but General Flynn was going to be his National Security Advisor. This terrified them.

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- **Nov. 10, 2016:** President Obama meets with President-elect Trump in the White House and reportedly advises Trump not to hire Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn

# Obama warned Trump against hiring Flynn before inauguration

Associated Press



WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama personally warned Donald Trump against hiring Michael Flynn to serve as his national security adviser, three former Obama administration officials said Monday, underscoring the depths of the outgoing White House's concern about the man Trump would ultimately fire.

In an Oval Office meeting with Trump two days after the November election, Obama told his successor that there were more qualified candidates for the crucial White House post, according to one official. Flynn was fired as head of military intelligence by the Obama administration in 2014 amid questions about his management style and reports of insubordination. He became a fierce critic of Obama's policies and a fervent Trump supporter.

Trump ignored Obama's advice and tapped Flynn for the top White House national security role. But Trump would ultimately seek Flynn's resignation less than a month into his tenure, following news reports that Flynn had misled Vice President Mike Pence and other top officials about his conversations with Russia's ambassador to the United States.

The Trump White House on Monday confirmed that Obama raised concerns about Flynn in the November meeting.

"President Obama made it known that he wasn't exactly a fan of Gen. Flynn's," White House spokesman Sean Spicer said. He suggested Obama's views were shaped by Flynn's criticism of his national security policies.

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Obama and his cronies were clearly afraid of Flynn. Trump hired him anyway. Not only did they need to continue to delegitimize Trump with the Russian Collusion Hoax, but they needed to take down Flynn in the process.

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- **Dec. 2, 2016:** UN Ambassador Samantha Power and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper request to unmask the name of Trump National Security Adviser Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, who was "incidentally" captured by intel surveillance.
- **Dec. 6, 2016:** Two more Obama administration officials request to unmask the name of Flynn.
- **Dec. 7, 2016:** Power makes another Flynn unmasking request.

- **Dec. 14, 2017:** There are 10 more requests to unmask Flynn's name in intelligence, including two by Power, CIA Director Brennan, and six officials from the Treasury Dept.
- **Dec. 15, 2016:** Obama intel officials "incidentally" spy on Trump officials meeting with the United Arab Emirates crown prince in Trump Tower. This is taken to mean the government was wiretapping the prince and "happened to capture" Trump officials communicating with him at Trump Tower. Identities of Americans accidentally captured in such surveillance are strictly protected or "masked" inside intel agencies for constitutional privacy reasons.  
Obama National Security Adviser Susan Rice secretly "unmasks" names of the Trump officials, officially revealing their identities. They reportedly include: Steve Bannon, Jared Kushner and Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn.  
Director of National Intelligence Clapper expands rules to allow the National Security Agency (NSA) to widely disseminate classified surveillance material within the government. The same day, 17 Obama officials request the unmasking of Lt. Gen. Flynn in intelligence.
- **Dec. 16, 2016:** Five more Obama officials request unmasking of intelligence materials regarding Lt. Gen. Flynn.
- **Dec. 23, 2016:** Power request another Flynn unmasking.
- **Dec. 28, 2016:** Lt. Gen. Flynn speaks with Russia ambassador.  
Clapper and the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey request Flynn unmasking.
- **Dec. 29, 2016:** President Obama imposes sanctions against Russia for its alleged election interference.  
President-elect Trump national security adviser Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn speaks with Russian Ambassador to U.S. Sergey Kislyak. The calls are wiretapped by U.S. intelligence and later leaked to the press.
- **Jan. 2017:** Director of National Intelligence James Clapper testifies to Congress that Russia interfered in U.S. elections by spreading fake news on social media.
- **Jan. 7, 2017:** Clapper and two other Obama administration officials request Flynn unmasking.
- **Jan. 10, 2017:** The 35-page Fusion GPS anti-Trump "dossier" is leaked to the media and published. It reveals that sources of the unverified info are Russians close to President Putin. A CIA official makes a Flynn unmasking request.
- **Jan. 11, 2017:** Power makes another Flynn unmasking request.
- **Jan. 12, 2017:** Vice President Joe Biden and the Treasury Secretary request the unmasking of Flynn in intelligence communications.

Someone leaks to David Ignatius of the Washington Post that Trump National Security Adviser Flynn had called Russia's ambassador. "What did Flynn say, and did it undercut the US sanctions?" asked Ignatius in the article.

- **Jan. 22, 2017:** Intel info leaks to Wall Street Journal which reports "US counterintelligence agents have investigated communications" between Trump aide Gen. Michael Flynn and Russia ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak to determine if any laws were violated.
- **Jan. 23, 2017:** Leak to Washington Post falsely claims Trump National Security Advisor Flynn is not the subject of an investigation.
- **Jan. 24, 2017:** Acting Attorney General Sally Yates sends two FBI agents, including Peter Strzok, to the White House to question Gen. Flynn. FBI Director Comey later takes credit for "sending a couple of guys" to interview Flynn, circumventing normal processes.
- **Jan. 26, 2017:** Acting Attorney General Sally Yates and a high-ranking colleague go to White House to tell counsel Don McGahn that Flynn had lied to Pence about the content of his talks with Russian ambassador and "the underlying conduct that Gen. Flynn had engaged in was problematic in and of itself."
- **Jan. 31, 2017:** President Trump fires Acting Attorney General Sally Yates after she refuses to enforce his temporary travel ban on Muslims coming into U.S. from certain countries.
- **Feb. 8, 2017:** Jeff Sessions becomes Attorney General and Dana Boente moves to Deputy Attorney General.
- **Feb. 9, 2017:** News of FBI wiretaps capturing Trump national security adviser Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn speaking with Russia's ambassador is leaked to the press. New York Times and Washington Post report Flynn discussed U.S. sanctions, despite his earlier denials. The Post also reports the FBI "found nothing illicit" in the talks. The Post headline in an article by Greg Miller, Adam Entous and Ellen Nakashima reads, "National Security Adviser Flynn Discussed Sanctions with Russian Ambassador, Despite Denials, Officials Say."
- **Feb. 13, 2017:** Washington Post reports Justice Dept. has opened a "Logan Act" violation investigation against Trump national security adviser Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn.
- **Feb. 14, 2017:** Gen. Flynn resigns, allegedly acknowledging he misled vice president Mike Pence about the content of his discussions with Russia.

Obama's loyalists did everything they could to get Flynn out of the picture, and they succeeded in doing so by controlling the narrative.

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## Former Obama Officials, Loyalists Waged Secret Campaign to Oust Flynn

Sources: Former Obama officials, loyalists planted series of stories to discredit Flynn, bolster Iran deal

Adam Kredo · February 14, 2017 3:26 pm

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The abrupt resignation Monday evening of White House national security adviser Michael Flynn is the culmination of a secret, months-long campaign by former Obama administration confidantes to handicap President Donald Trump's national security apparatus and preserve the nuclear deal with Iran, according to multiple sources in and out of the White House who described to the *Washington Free Beacon* a behind-the-scenes effort by these officials **to plant a series of damaging stories about Flynn in the national media.**

The effort, said to include former Obama administration adviser Ben Rhodes—the architect of a separate White House effort to create what he described as a pro-Iran echo chamber—included a small task force of Obama loyalists who deluged media outlets with stories aimed at **eroding Flynn's credibility,** multiple sources revealed.

The operation primarily focused on **discrediting Flynn,** an opponent of the Iran nuclear deal, in order to handicap the Trump administration's efforts to disclose secret details of the nuclear deal with Iran that had been long hidden by the Obama administration.

Insiders familiar with the anti-Flynn campaign told the *Free Beacon* that these Obama loyalists plotted in the months before Trump's inauguration to establish a set of roadblocks before Trump's national security team, which includes several prominent opponents of diplomacy with Iran. The *Free Beacon* **first reported** on this effort in January.

Sources who spoke to the *Free Beacon* requested anonymity in order to speak freely about the situation and avoid interfering with the White House's official narrative about Flynn, which centers on his failure to adequately inform the president about a series of phone calls with Russian officials.

Flynn took credit for his missteps regarding these phone calls in a brief statement released late Monday evening. Trump administration officials subsequently stated that Flynn's efforts to mislead the president and vice president about his contacts with Russia could not be tolerated.

However, multiple sources closely involved in the situation pointed to a larger, more secretive campaign aimed at **discrediting Flynn and undermining the Trump White House.**

"It's undeniable that the campaign to discredit Flynn was well underway before Inauguration Day, with a very troublesome and politicized **series of leaks designed to undermine him,**" said one veteran national security adviser with close ties to the White House team. **"This pattern reminds me of the lead up to the Iran deal, and probably features the same cast of characters."**

Everything that led to the firing of General Flynn was part of irregular warfare. Did Trump know what they were doing to get rid of Flynn? It is speculated that Trump had at least one ally in the military that was potentially feeding him intel prior to his inauguration.

## Occam's Razor – Did NSA Admiral Mike Rogers Warn Trump On November 17th, 2016?...

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Sometimes the utilization of Timelines means you have to look at the new information with a keen awareness of specific events. In hindsight, NSA Director Admiral Mike Rogers may have notified Team Trump of Obama's Intelligence Community (James Clapper and John Brennan) spying on their activity. As you look at the FISA request dates below, it's important to note that NSA Director Admiral Mike Rogers would be keenly aware of both the June request – Denied, and the October request – Granted. Pay specific attention to the October request. **“October”!**.



**June 2016: FISA request.** The Obama administration files a request with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA) to monitor communications involving Donald Trump and several advisers. The request, uncharacteristically, is denied.

**October 2016: FISA request.** The Obama administration submits a new, narrow request to the FISA court, now focused on a computer server in Trump Tower suspected of links to Russian banks. No evidence is found — but the wiretaps continue, ostensibly for national security reasons, Andrew McCarthy at *National Review* later notes. The Obama administration is now monitoring an opposing presidential campaign using the high-tech surveillance powers of the federal intelligence services.

◆ On Tuesday November 8th, 2016 the election was held. Results announced Wednesday November 9th, 2016.



◆ On Thursday November 17th, 2016, NSA Director Mike Rogers traveled to New York and met with President-Elect Donald Trump.

◆ On Friday November 18th [The Washington Post reported on a recommendation in “October”](#) that Mike Rogers be removed from his NSA position:

The heads of the Pentagon and the nation’s intelligence community have recommended to President Obama that the director of the National Security Agency, Adm. Michael S. Rogers, be removed.

The recommendation, delivered to the White House **last month**, was made by Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter and Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr., according to several U.S. officials familiar with the matter.

[...] In a move apparently unprecedented for a military officer, **Rogers, without notifying superiors, traveled to New York to meet with Trump on Thursday at Trump Tower.** That caused consternation at senior levels of the administration, according to the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal personnel matters. ([link](#))

Remember, historically The Washington Post is the preferred outlet for the CIA and Intelligence Community [within Deep State](#) to dump their “leaks” and stories. The State Department “leaks” to CNN for the same purposes.

◆ On Saturday November 19th [Reuters reported](#) on the WaPo Story and additional pressure by Defense Secretary Ash Carter and DNI James Clapper to fire Mike Rogers.

[...] The Washington Post reported that a decision by Rogers to travel to New York to meet with Trump on Thursday without notifying superiors caused consternation at senior levels of the administration, but the recommendation to remove him predated his visit. ([link](#))

1. The Intelligence Community -at the direction of President Obama- made a request to a FISA court for the NSA to spy on Donald Trump in June 2016. It was denied.
2. In October the Intelligence Community (NSA) -at the direction of President Obama- made a second request to the FISA court for the NSA to spy on Donald Trump. It was approved.
3. At around the same time (October), as the second request to FISA, (Def Sec) Ash Carter and (DNI) James Clapper tell President Obama to dump NSA Director Mike Rogers.
4. A week after the election, Mike Rogers makes a trip to Trump Tower without telling his superior, James Clapper; which brings about new calls (November media leaks to WaPo) for President Obama to dump Mike Rogers.

**Occam's Razor.** NSA Director Admiral Mike Rogers didn't want to participate in the spying scheme (Clapper, Brennan, Etc.), which was the baseline for President Obama's post presidency efforts to undermine Donald Trump and keep Trump from digging into the Obama labyrinth underlying his remaining loyalists. After the October spying operation went into effect, Rogers unknown loyalty was a risk to the Obama objective. 10 Days after the election Rogers travels to President-Elect Trump without notifying those who were involved in the intel scheme.

Did NSA Director Mike Rogers wait for a SCIF (Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility) to be set up in Trump Tower, and then notify the President-elect he was being monitored by President Obama?

...Seems likely.

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So Admiral Rogers visited Trump at Trump Tower without notifying Obama. This upset a lot of people and they wanted him gone which to me is further proof Rogers was an ally of Trump.

Taking this even further, do you remember all those requests to unmask General Flynn and other individuals in Trump's transition team? Those requests are submitted through the NSA.

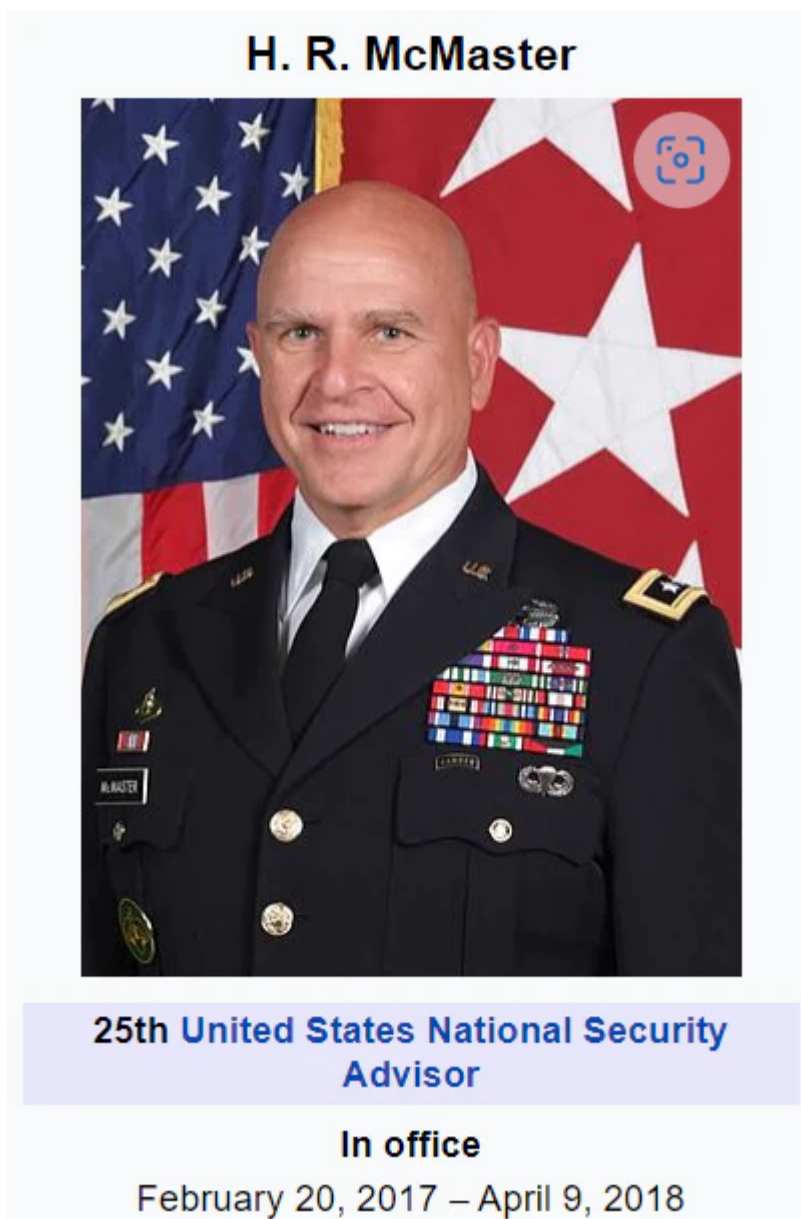
### NSA director explains unmasking



This means Admiral Rogers would have or at least could have known about every single one of those requests. If he was in fact an ally of Trump, it stands to reason that he would/could be feeding him the intel of those unmasking requests.

My point here is that Trump was likely well aware of what his enemy was up to. He knew they would undermine him at every turn and he knew they were going after Flynn specifically. Trump was inaugurated and Flynn did become the National Security Advisor, and he had brought with him into the NSC many loyalists. The deep state did end up successfully ousting General Flynn, but that wasn't where the battle ended. Flynn's loyalists carried on the fight against the deep state after he was gone.

While Trump was fighting this 1000 front irregular war, he needed to appear weak. He needed the enemy to appear as if they were in control. This brings me to who Trump hired to replace General Flynn.



On February 20, 2017, U.S. President [Donald Trump](#) nominated McMaster for [National Security Advisor](#) following the resignation of [Michael T. Flynn](#)<sup>[49][50]</sup> on February 13.<sup>[51]</sup> McMaster said at the time that he intended "to remain on active duty while he serves as national security advisor."<sup>[52][53]</sup>

Because McMaster intended to remain on active duty, his official assumption of the National Security Advisor's duties and responsibilities required a [United States Senate](#) vote; [lieutenant generals](#) and [generals](#) require Senate confirmation of their rank and assignments.<sup>[54]</sup> On March 6, 2017, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 23–2 to recommend to the full Senate that McMaster be confirmed for reappointment at his lieutenant general rank during his service as the National Security Advisor.<sup>[55]</sup> The committee recommendation was referred to the Senate on March 7, and the full Senate confirmed McMaster by a vote of 86–10 on March 15, 2017.<sup>[56]</sup>

Obama and the deep state framed General Flynn in order to remove him as Trump's National Security Advisor but when McMaster replaced him there was no attempt to have him removed. Why was that? The MSM and Trump's opponents praised the hiring of McMaster and the narrative they painted during his tenure was that McMaster was smarter than Trump.

I think it's safe to say that McMaster is part of the deep state. McMaster was on the Atlantic Council's board of directors (until his recent resignation) and was a top advisor to David Petraeus - one of Obama's Directors of the CIA who was forced to resign due to scandal.

I know there are a lot of people in our movement who criticize Trump for his personnel decisions. I personally think Trump is brilliant and always does things for a reason. Why would Trump replace Flynn with McMaster, somebody he must have known was the enemy?

I believe this was all part of the irregular warfare.

Shortly after replacing General Flynn, McMaster started removing the people Flynn brought with him into the NSC.

**J**UST 24 DAYS INTO HIS TENURE as Donald Trump's national-security adviser, Michael Flynn was forced to resign, having reportedly misled Vice President Mike Pence about his contacts with Russian officials. When Flynn departed, the men and women he'd appointed to the National Security Council grew nervous about their own jobs, and with good reason. The new national-security adviser, **General H.R. McMaster, promptly began clearing out Flynn's people**, among them Dave Cattler, the deputy assistant to the president for regional affairs; Adam Lovinger, a strategic-affairs analyst on loan from the Pentagon; and KT McFarland, Flynn's deputy, who was eased out with the ambassadorship to Singapore. Even Steve Bannon, among the most powerful people in the White House, was removed from the meetings of the NSC Principal's Committee, in which he had been installed early on in the administration.

What I don't think people truly realize is this was the beginning of Trump's countermoves in the larger context of this irregular war. In an article released on March 7th, of 2020, we got a better look at what was really going on:

## **Ain't That Rich**

# 2017 'hit lists' show that team Trump has long eyed political opponents

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**By Vicky Ward and Vivian Salama, CNN**

**CNN** — Just months into his presidency, a small circle of senior White House advisers met with Donald Trump about a carefully curated list containing the names of dozens of perceived political opponents, particularly leakers, working inside the government.

A detailed account of the meeting was revealed for the first time to CNN by two former senior administration officials, who said that the April 2017 gathering included then senior strategist Steve Bannon and former national security adviser H.R. McMaster.

After being shown the list, the President told McMaster to deal with it, according to one of the officials.

McMaster and Bannon walked away from the meeting with different interpretations of Trump's instructions, according to the two former officials and two other former senior officials in the President's orbit who were briefed on the conversation.

Three of the officials told CNN that Bannon understood Trump wanted people fired, while the fourth said that McMaster believed the President's direction was to deal with leaks in a systematic fashion, rather than a mass firing.

The political plotting in the early days of Trump's presidency provides a window into a three-year effort by Trump and his loyalists to identify and expunge suspected "deep state" opponents from the White House and in some cases other parts of the government, a move that was kept at bay until recent weeks.

Removing government officials seen as disloyal to the President has unfolded in earnest since Trump was impeached but not removed from office and there are no signs the purges will let up.

The President expressed in public remarks last Saturday that he's getting rid of bad people in government who are "not people that love our country."

In recent weeks, Trump has expressed to aides that he wants fewer people working for him at the White House and only those identified as loyalists to hold key positions in his administration, leading to a fresh batch of lists from allies, the existence of which was first reported by Axios.

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You read that correctly. The people Flynn brought into the NSC we're working to weed out the deep state from the White House and Trump directed them to do it. This proves that not only did Trump know what he was up against, but he was also working to fight it.

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The existence of "deep state" lists in the early days of Trump's presidency was widely talked about in the halls of the National Security Council and the State Department, according to multiple former White House officials, although several officials named on the list tell CNN they didn't know that any such list really existed or that they were on it. The "deep state" refers to a right-wing belief that certain members of the federal bureaucracy are **actively undermining the Trump presidency**.

One contributor to the list that was collated and frequently updated in early 2017 was former NSC official and former Trump campaign aide **Rich Higgins**. He told CNN in an exclusive interview recently that from the beginning of his tenure he was convinced that leaks of minutes of highly classified meetings were from **holdovers of the Obama administration** and he suspected widespread resistance to some of the administration efforts.

Higgins is not involved in the current lists and does not have a current connection to the White House. The White House did not respond to requests for comment for this story. Bannon and McMaster declined to comment for this story.

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The involvement of Rich Higgins is where things start to get really interesting. Higgins passed away fairly recently (may he Rest in Peace) but he deserves some focus here. He is somebody I have discussed previously in social media posts and on the Devolution Power Hour but I haven't written about him in the Devolution series because I wasn't quite sure if or how he might fit in. After writing Part 22, I believe he may be a bigger part of this story.

[Let's look at his background outlined in his obituary:](#)

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Richard Thomas Higgins III, a dedicated husband, father, Patriot, and pioneer of irregular and information age warfare, died on February 23, 2022, due to complications following a successful organ transplant. He was 47 years old.

Rich was a Boston native, born September 18, 1974, to Richard Thomas Higgins II and Catherine Higgins. Rich always excelled academically and graduated from Tufts University with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Rich was a warrior with unwavering courage and a heart for service. Following college, he joined the Army and became an Explosive Ordnance Technician. Post-Army, Rich served as a government civilian working with many of America's most elite and classified organizations. Following 9/11, Rich fought in the War on Terror, deploying to Iraq where he conceived and developed the Combined Explosive Exploitation Cell (CEXI)-a highly technical unit that was focused on the identification and exploitation of explosives used against our troops. This new and transformative unit would lead to the development of many life-saving counter IED devices protecting soldiers in combat. Rich was a creative leader and trusted by Multi-National Forces-Iraq leadership because he could get the tough jobs done on short notice no matter the time of day.

Rich later served as a senior program manager under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (ASD SOLIC), developing and directing the Irregular Warfare Support Group. In this capacity, Rich developed and deployed advanced capabilities and new strategies directed against America's most elusive and lethal adversaries.

Rich was selected to attend the National Defense University (NDU) earning a Master's degree in Irregular Warfare. He would later become Chair of this department, gaining numerous accolades for his expertise in the theory, doctrine, and their application through Communist and Marxist led insurgencies. His scholarship would later be recognized and sought in the curriculum and education of American and allied senior strategists and leaders within the national security community. After almost two decades of government service, Rich transitioned into the civilian sector. During this time he met and married his beautiful and loving wife Karin, whom he adored.

Rich's tireless efforts to implement new ways of thinking and relentless commitment to ensuring America was always two steps ahead of our adversaries afforded him new opportunities. A highly sought-after speaker, he guest-hosted nationally syndicated radio shows and was always asked for analysis in the media and on Capitol Hill, as events unfolded across the globe.

In 2016, he was selected to be a Director on the National Security Council serving under President Trump. On the NSC, Rich demonstrated analytical brilliance and strategic understanding in providing accurate and thoughtful assessments to NSC staff and White House leadership.

Following his NSC service, Rich would become a successful author penning a nationally acclaimed book *The Memo* which exposed **the sinister nature of the Deep State** within the same government he served most of his life.

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A Little more context from his bio:

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From 2011 to 2013, Higgins managed a classified project for **Special Operations Command (SOCOM)**.

From 2010 to 2011, he served as the Chair of Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict at the National Defense University.

In 2004, **he formed the Department of Defense's (DOD) Irregular Warfare Support (IWS) program office** and served as the organization's first Program Manager until June 2010. In this role he was directly responsible for the creation of several new strategic and operational capabilities.

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Much like Christopher Miller, the man placed at the helm of the DoD to implement what we believe to be devolution, Rich Higgins is another irregular warfare guru. Not only that, but he was also part of a small group of Trump loyalists who in the early days of Trump's Presidency were seeking "to identify and expunge suspected "deep state" opponents."

Now let's examine the reason Higgins was fired:

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## An NSC Staffer Is Forced Out Over a Controversial Memo

The document charges that globalists, Islamists, and other forces within and outside the government are **subverting** President Trump's agenda.

By Rosie Gray

A top official of the National Security Council was fired last month after arguing in a memo that **President Trump is under sustained attack from subversive forces both within and outside the government** who are deploying Maoist tactics to defeat President Trump's nationalist agenda.

His dismissal marks the latest victory by National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster in the ongoing war within Trump's White House between those who believe that the president is under threat from dark forces plotting to undermine him, and those like McMaster who dismiss this as conspiratorial thinking.

Rich Higgins, a former Pentagon official who served in the NSC's strategic-planning office as a director for strategic planning, was let go on July 21. Higgins's memo describes supposed **domestic and international threats to Trump's presidency, including globalists, bankers, the "deep state," and Islamists**. The memo characterizes the Russia story as a plot to sabotage Trump's nationalist agenda. It asserts that **globalists and Islamists are seeking to destroy America**. The memo also includes a set of recommendations, arguing that the problem constitutes a **national-security priority**.

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## **POTUS & Political Warfare**

Rich Higgins was fired because of a memo he wrote. I believe it to be extremely prudent to go over this memo in detail. Before we dig in, I need to remind you what I discussed in Devolution - Part 22 and how it relates to Higgins - "Narratives are at the center of irregular warfare," and Rich Higgins was an irregular warfare guru.

The memo is fairly long but incredibly worthwhile knowing what we know about irregular warfare:

**BACKGROUND.** The Trump administration is suffering under withering **information campaigns** designed to first undermine, then **delegitimize** and ultimately remove the President. Possibly confusing these attacks with an elevated interplay of otherwise normal D.C. partisan infighting and adversarial media relations, the White House response to these campaigns reflects a political advocacy mindset that it is intensely reactive, severely under-inclusive and dangerously inadequate to the threat. If action is not taken to re-scope and respond to these hostile campaigns very soon, the administration risks implosion and subsequent early departure from the White House.

This is not politics as usual but rather **political warfare** at an unprecedented level that is openly engaged in the direct targeting of a seated president through **manipulation of the news cycle**. It must be recognized on its own terms so that immediate action can be taken. At its core, these campaigns run on multiple lines of effort, serve as the **non-violent line** of effort of a wider movement, and execute political warfare agendas that reflect cultural Marxist outcomes. **The campaigns operate through narratives.** Because the hard left is aligned with Islamist organizations at local (ANTIFA working with Muslim Brotherhood doing business as MSA and CAIR), national (ACLU and BLM working with CAIR and MPAC) and international levels (OIC working with OSCE and the UN), recognition must be given to the fact that they seamlessly interoperate **at the narrative level as well**. In candidate Trump, the opposition saw a threat to the “politically correct” **enforcement narratives they’ve meticulously laid in over the past few decades**. *In President Trump, they see a latent threat to continue that effort to ruinous effect and **their retaliatory response reflects this fear.***

**INTRODUCTION.** Responding to relentless personal assaults on his character, candidate Trump identified the players and the strategy:

- **“The establishment and their media enablers** will control over this nation through means that are very well known. Anyone who challenges their control is deemed a sexist, a racist, a xenophobe, and morally deformed.” – President Trump, Oct 2016

Culturally conditioned to limit responses to such attacks as yet another round in the on-going drone from diversity and multicultural malcontents, these broadsides are discounted as political correctness run amuck. **However, political correctness is a weapon against reason and critical thinking.** This weapon functions as the enforcement mechanism of **diversity narratives** that seek to implement cultural Marxism. Candidate Trump’s rhetoric in the campaign not only cut through the Marxist narrative, he did so in ways that were viscerally comprehensible to a voting bloc that then made candidate Trump the president; making that bloc self-aware in the process. President Trump is either the candidate he ran as, or he is nothing.

Recognizing in candidate Trump an existential threat to cultural Marxist memes that dominate the prevailing **cultural narrative**, those that benefit recognize the threat he poses and seek his destruction. **For this cabal, Trump must be destroyed.** Far from politics as usual, this is a political warfare effort that seeks the destruction of a sitting president. Since Trump took office, the situation has intensified to crisis level proportions. For those engaged in the effort, especially those from within the “deep state” or permanent government apparatus, this raises clear Title 18 (legal) concerns.

**The Opposition.** While opposition to President Trump manifests itself through political warfare memes centered on cultural Marxist narratives, this hardly means that opposition is limited to Marxists as conventionally understood. Having become the dominant cultural meme, some benefit from it while others are captured by it; including “deep state” actors, globalists, bankers, Islamists, and establishment Republicans. Through the campaign, candidate Trump tapped into a deep vein of concern among many citizens that America is at risk and is slipping away. Globalists and Islamists recognize that for their visions to succeed, America, both as an ideal and as a national and political identity, must be destroyed.

- **Mainstream Media** – The principle mechanism for implementing narratives.
- **The Academy** – Academia has served as a principle counter-state node for some time and remains a key conduit for creating future adherents to cultural Marxist narratives and their derivative worldview.
- **The Deep State** - The successful outcome of cultural Marxism is a bureaucratic state beholden to no one, certainly not the American people. With no rule of law considerations outside those that further deep state power, the deep state truly becomes, as Hegel advocated, god bestriding the earth.
- **Global Corporatists & Bankers** – Exploitation of populations, unfettered by national protections and notions of personal morality and piety.
- **Democratic Leadership** – The democratic leadership has been a counter-state enabler that executes, sustains, and protects cultural Marxist programs of action and facilitates the relentless expansion of the deep state.
- **Republican Leadership** – More afraid of being accused of being called a racist, sexist, homophobe or Islamophobe than of failing to enforce their oaths to “support and defend the Constitution,” the Republican Establishment accepts and enforces cultural Marxist memes within its own sphere of operations. In doing so, knowingly or not, it becomes an agent of that. These “conservatives” become increasingly indistinguishable from their democratic counterparts save that they misrepresent themselves to their constituents. Lacking the discernment to recognize their situation, they will work with globalists, corporatists, and the international financial interests and will likewise service the deep state. These establishment Republicans are the hard left’s designated defeat mechanism in the destruction of the old regime as well as the American ideal.<sup>1</sup> Because candidate Trump publicly exposed them for their duplicitous activities, they are at risk as long as Trump can turn on them and are, therefore, bitter foes. Candidate Trump’s success remains an ongoing existential threat to establishment Republicans.

**Political Warfare Attacks – A Primer.** As used here, “political warfare” does not concern activities associated with the American political process but rather exclusively refers to political warfare as understood by the Maoist Insurgency model.<sup>2</sup> Political warfare is one of the five components of a Maoist insurgency. Maoist methodologies employ synchronized violent and non-violent actions that focus on mobilization of individuals and groups to action. This approach envisions the direct use of non-violent operational arts and tactics as elements of combat power. In Maoist insurgencies, the formation of a counter-state is essential to seizing state power. Functioning as a hostile competing state acting within an existing state, it has an alternate infrastructure. Political warfare operates as one of the activities of the “counter-state” and is primarily focused on the resourcing and mobilization of the counter state or the exhaustion and demobilization of the targeted political movement. Political warfare methods can be implemented at strategic, operational, or tactical levels of operation.

Political warfare is warfare. Strategic information campaigns designed to delegitimize through disinformation arise out of non-violent lines of effort in political warfare regimes. They principally operate through narratives. Because the left is aligned with Islamist organizations at local, national and international levels, recognition should be given to the fact that they seamlessly interoperate through coordinated synchronized interactive narratives.

**Cultural Marxism – A Primer.** While the attacks on President Trump arise out of political warfare considerations based on non-kinetic lines of effort (as discussed below), they operate in a battle-space prepared, informed and conditioned by cultural Marxist drivers. In practical terms, the political warfare assault on President Trump cannot be separated from the cultural Marxist narratives that drive them. From an operational preparation of the environment perspective, President Trump is operating in a battle-space that reflects the left’s vision.

**Battlespace.** These attack narratives are pervasive, full spectrum and institutionalized at all levels. They operate in social media, television, the 24-hour news cycle in all media, and are entrenched at the upper levels of the bureaucracies and within the foreign policy establishment. They inform the entertainment industry from late night monologues, to situation comedies, to television series memes, to movie themes. The effort required to direct this capacity at President Trump is little more than a programming decision to do so. The cultural Marxist narrative is fully deployed, pervasive, full spectrum and ongoing. Regarding the president, attacks have become a relentless 24/7 effort.

While there is certainly a Marxist agenda and even Islamist motivations that must be seriously addressed in their own right, these motivations alone seem inadequate to explain the scope and magnitude of the effort directed against the president. The economic drivers behind the Marxist and Islamist ideologues are enormously influential and seek to leverage these ideological movements for their own self interests. While beyond the actual scope of this document, the benefactors of these political movements include; Urban Real Estate who depend greatly on immigrant tenants, International Banking who seeks to maintain US debtor status so as to control the application of American power, and elements of the business sector that depend upon immigrant labor or government infrastructure. The overall objective of these economic forces is the forced urbanization of the populace, thereby necessitating a larger, more powerful government. In summary, this is a form of population control by certain business cartels in league with cultural Marxists/corporatists/Islamists who will leverage Islamic terrorism threats to justify the creation of a police state.

**Adversary Campaign Plan.** Political Warfare has been described as “**propaganda in battledress.**”<sup>3</sup> The effort directed at President Trump is executed along one overt, as well as two covert, lines of effort:

- The overt line of effort is **PUBLICITY**. Publicity is the straightforward projection of a case that builds a picture in the audience’s mind designed to garner support. It is facts without context and information the adversary wants the audience to possess that **creates an impression and sets conditions**. It seeks to establish good will and receptiveness to additional inputs.
- There are two covert lines of effort: **PROPOGANDA and INFILTRATION/SUBVERSION**.
  - **Propaganda** is the **deliberate direction, even manipulation, of information to secure a definite outcome**. It is an attempt to direct the thinking of the recipient, without his conscious collaboration, into predetermined channels that are established in the Publicity line of effort. It is the unwitting conditioning of the recipient by devious methods with an ulterior motive that seeks to **move them incrementally over time** into greater belief and acceptance of message transmitted in the Publicity line of effort.
  - **Infiltration and subversion** operate internal to the targeted organization in order to inform, target, coordinate, and amplify the effects of the publicity and propaganda. Both operate to gather intelligence, **obstruct legitimate courses of action**, provide inside information, and leak sensitive information that undermines the leadership and suppresses the morale of friendly elements.

Political warfare employs both publicity and propaganda. It recognizes no intrinsic virtue in the news but rather envisions it as a mechanism to exploit and build up support. From a political warfare perspective, **control of the news cycle is the most potent means of attracting and building up a favorable audience**. As it relates to the news cycle, publicity and propaganda can be merged to form a “pseudo-publicity” that is presented as news in furtherance of sustaining pseudo-realities maintained by cultural Marxist memes. Pseudo-publicity treatment of President Trump dominates the news cycle. The current campaign against President Trump operates in the following manner:

**The Meta Narrative.** **Meta narratives seeks to delegitimize President Trump**, his administration, and the vision of America he projected as a candidate. With cultural Marxist memes serving as the backdrop, President Trump is to be relentlessly characterized as unfit **through the use of supporting narratives acting to move unwitting populations to belief in the meta narrative**. Hence:

- “President Trump is illegitimate”
- “President Trump is corrupt”
- “President Trump is dishonest”

Note that the twitter accounts and mainstream media personalities pushing this narrative have seen their audience numbers rise greatly in the past 6 months. **This is a direct result of the supporting and backdrop narratives channeling individuals to this meta-narrative.**

**Supporting Narratives.** **Meta-narratives are supported by an ongoing series supporting-narratives that can be swapped out as circumstances warrant.** It is important to recognize that these stories do not have to be true, valid or accurate to serve their purpose. Over time, deserved or not, the cumulative effect of these supporting narratives will result in a Trump fatigue. From a political warfare perspective, President Trump's inability to meet this challenge will cast him as a weak failed leader. The current list of supporting narratives include:

- "Russia hacked the election" - illegitimate
- "Obstruction of Justice" - corrupt
- "Hiding Collusion" - dishonest
- "Putin Puppet" - treasonous

**Backdrop Narratives.** The backdrop to the meta and supporting narratives are cultural Marxist memes designed to sustain a general sense of loathing of President Trump and the America that elected him. Hence:

- "[*meta*] President Trump is illegitimate, [*supporting*] he was elected because of Russian hacking, [*backdrop*] and besides, he a racist, sexist xenophobe."

Adversaries utilize these interlocking narratives as a defensive political and information warfare screen that **silences critics and smears supporters of President Trump.** When people in the media question the behavior, actions and decisions of the Trump Administration's opponents, they are immediately said to be "working for the Russians" or "supporting Russian propaganda." **Individual Americans who support the President are deemed "deplorable" and "racist."**

**End State.** Attacks on President Trump are not just about destroying him, but also about ***destroying the vision of America that lead to his election.*** Those individuals and groups seeking the destruction of President Trump actually seek to suffocate the vision of America that made him president. Hence, the end state is **not just a delegitimized, destabilized, immobilized and possibly destroyed presidency;** but also ***a demoralized movement composed of a large enough bloc to elect a president that subsequently become self-aware of its own disenfranchisement.***

## CONCLUSION.

The recent turn of events give rise to the observation that the defense of President Trump is the defense of America. In the same way President Lincoln was surrounded by political opposition both inside and outside of his wire, in both overt and covert forms, so too is President Trump. **Had Lincoln failed, so too would have the Republic.** The administration has been maneuvered into a constant back-pedal by relentless political warfare attacks structured to force him to assume a **reactive posture** that assures inadequate responses. **The president can either drive or be driven by events; it's time for him to drive them.**

The Higgins memo perfectly describes the irregular warfare we have seen unfold both before, during, and after Trump's Presidency. So here is a hypothetical question for you.

Wouldn't it make sense for somebody considered to be a Trump loyalist, who was working to weed out the deep state in the early days of Trump's Presidency, who had extensive irregular warfare expertise, who so perfectly spelled out the deep state and their tactics in early 2017, to have played a role in the countermoves required to defeat that same deep state as the battle continued beyond his tenure with the NSC?

Was Higgins involved in devolution somehow? It's speculative but it makes a ton of sense. I think Higgins was playing a larger role here than people realize, and I think proof of that is provided based on who he was working with at the NSC to weed out the deep state, as well as a few other things I'll show you later in this article.

After being fired from the NSC, Higgins went on to co-found [Unconstrained Analytics](#):



## About Unconstrained Analytics

Unconstrained Analysis is a 501(c)3 dedicated to analysis of evidence unconstrained by preconceptions and biases.

This includes thorough analysis of an enemy's threat doctrine unconstrained by bias, preconceptions and influence operations coming from the same.

We go where the facts take us.

Higgins co-founded Unconstrained Analytics with a man named Stephen Coughlin.

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# Stephen C. Coughlin



Stephen C. Coughlin, Esq., is an attorney, decorated intelligence officer and noted specialist on Islamic law, ideology and associated issues as they relate to terrorism and subversion.

Mr. Coughlin integrates experience in international law, intelligence, strategic communications and high-level project management in both the national defense and private sector to develop unique perspectives, assessments and training packages relating to the intersection of national security and Islamic law. He emphasizes evidentiary-based analysis.

In September 2001, Coughlin was mobilized from his private sector career and assigned to the Directorate for Intelligence, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Targeting (JCS-J2T).

Over time, his responsibilities evolved into intelligence support to information operations and strategic communications from a targeting perspective. Other assignments included the Pentagon's National Military Command Center, the National Military Joint Intelligence Center, and the National Security Council's Interagency Perception Management Threat Panel before demobilizing in 2004.

In 2006, Coughlin was sought out “by name” and requested to support the Joint Staff J2 in counterterror threat analysis as a lead consultant. In 2007, Coughlin was awarded a Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College / Defense Intelligence Agency on the threat analysis aspects of Islamic law and related doctrines.

As a Major in the United States Army (res.), Coughlin was later assigned to USCENTCOM where he served in both an **intelligence and strategic communications / information operations role**. He has since retired from the Reserves.

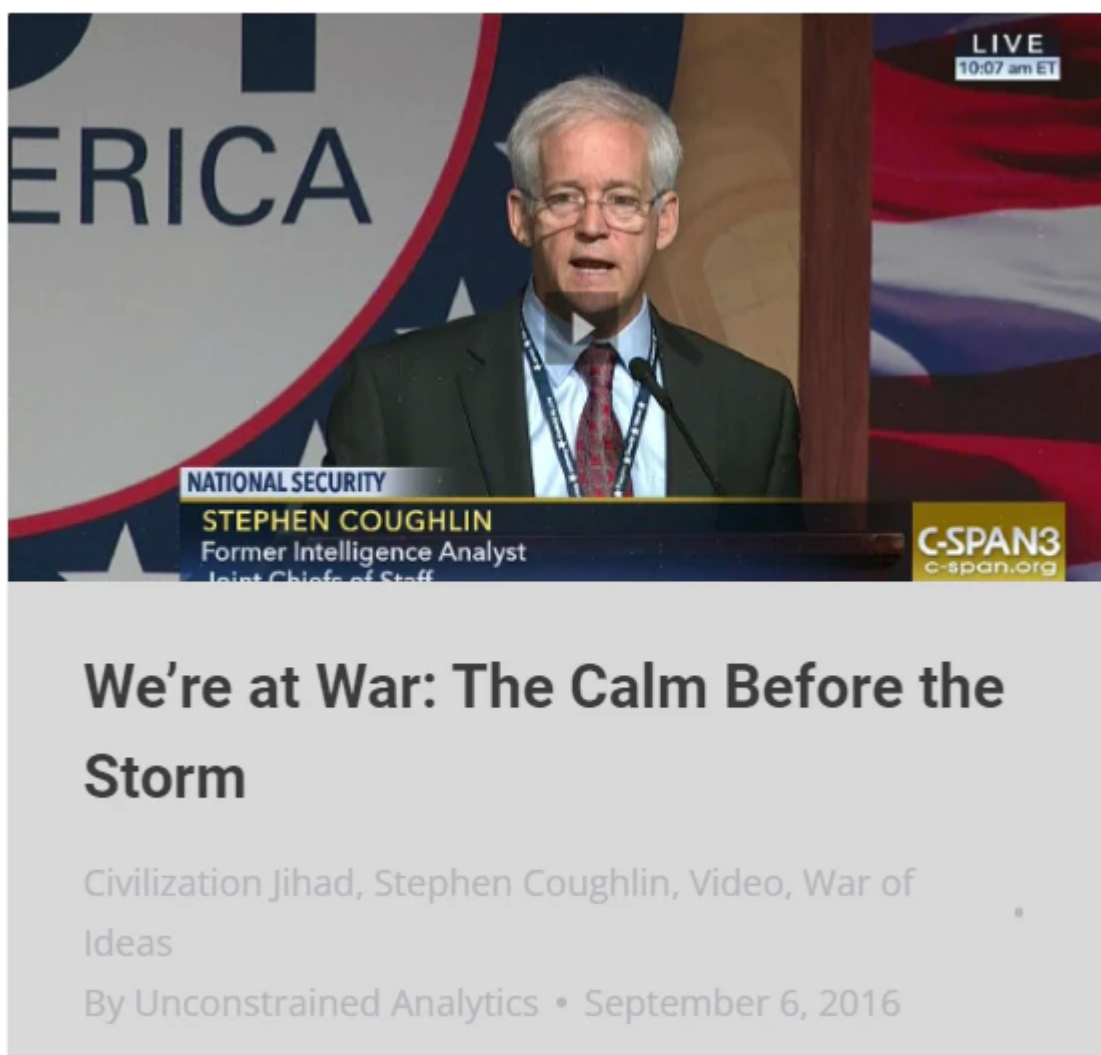
Until recently, Coughlin also supported **Irregular Warfare Support activities**.

Recognized as the Pentagon’s leading expert on Islamic law as it relates to national security, Coughlin was in demand as a lecturer at leading senior service staff institutions, including the National Defense University, the Army and Navy War Colleges, Marine Corps HQ-Quantico, the Joint Forces Staff College, and others, as well as at the FBI (the Counterterror and the Behavioral Analysis Units for example) and associated agencies and private sector groups.

Coughlin’s private sector career focused on international law, **competitive intelligence and the development and provision of open source, classified and proprietary commercial data and information products** and programs at leading information publishing houses.

Just so we're clear, after he was fired from the NSC, one of the world's best irregular warfare minds (Higgins) co-founded Unconstrained Analytics with one of the world's best strategic communication/information operations minds (Coughlin).

You may also find it interesting that on September 6th, 2016, Coughlin gave a speech titled "We're at War: The Calm Before the Storm."



I'll come back and discuss Higgins and Coughlin again later. Before we continue, let's do a recap:

- The political establishment has used narratives to push their political agenda and remain in power
- Trump made many moves proving we are in the middle of irregular warfare and he is/has been using irregular warfare to counter the political establishment  
Not only did they use the Russian Collusion Hoax to delegitimize Trump, but they also used it to get General Flynn out of the picture
- Admiral Rogers was likely an Ally of Trump
- In the short period of time he was the National Security Advisor, General Flynn brought many Trump loyalists into the NSC
- Trump hired McMaster as the National Security Advisor even though he likely knew he was part of the deep state
- The Trump loyalists Flynn brought into the NSC were actively working to weed out the deep state
- Rich Higgins was one of those loyalists, and he was an irregular warfare guru.  
Higgins wrote a memo perfectly detailing the deep state and battle for the narrative that Trump was up against – He was fired for this memo

## Hit List Squad

Now let's find out who Higgins was working with to weed out the deep state:

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## The 'hit list' squad

Higgins, 45, a former Pentagon official who consulted for the Trump campaign in the 2016 election as a counterterrorism adviser, joined the NSC in February 2017 as director of strategic planning.

Higgins told CNN he arrived to find two senior NSC directors and fellow Trump appointees, **Col. Derek Harvey** and **Ezra Cohen-Watnick**, regularly meeting over coffee or gathering in their offices and joined them in a mission to find alleged leakers and those perceived as resistant to the Trump administration's policies.

Two former senior White House officials told CNN they remembered seeing **Harvey and Cohen-Watnick frequently meeting with Bannon** in Bannon's office and the duo made them aware they were collating lists of people they believed were disloyal. One former senior administration official described the group as "the Hardy Boys."

Multiple senior administration officials told CNN that in early spring of 2017, Bannon gave a list of names of suspected leakers to Trump while McMaster was traveling.

Higgins says that over the course of several months, the group worked off other similar lists that were circulating and created new versions that contained roughly four dozen people who they felt were politically opposed to Trump, including Obama appointees, those detailed to the White House and "Never Trumpers." The list shrank or expanded in the following months depending on normal staff rotation, Higgins said.

Higgins says the group was aware that McMaster would not approve of what they were doing.

In mid-April, Higgins says, he was asked to get the most current list to Bannon. According to Higgins, Bannon told him he showed the list to Trump on April 17, 2017, and the President had demanded McMaster take action.

When nothing happened, Higgins says, he wrote a memo that was reported on by The Atlantic titled "Potus and Political Warfare," which Higgins says he then printed out, with the idea of having a group discussion among like-minded individuals.

"The memo was my estimate of the situation, explanatory but not certain. I wanted to generate discussion and awareness around me," he told CNN.

The seven-page memo warned of threats from "globalist corporatists & bankers" and "Islamists," as well as the "deep state." It said the "narrative" that "Russia hacked the election" was "illegitimate" and was a deliberate effort to destroy Trump's agenda.

"Recognizing in candidate Trump an existential threat to cultural Marxist memes that dominate the prevailing cultural narrative, those that benefit recognized the threat he poses and see his destruction," it reads.

"I didn't write it by myself," Higgins told CNN, adding that there were various people who were on the NSC staff then. "And I didn't write it in one sitting. It was the product of hours of conversations."

Higgins says he never learned if the President read his memo. But Higgins says Bannon told him that his efforts were discovered -- and not appreciated by McMaster, who stood up at an NSC town hall on July 13 and told staff that "there's no such thing as a hold-over," Bloomberg reported.

Higgins says that on July 18, he was summoned to the NSC general counsel's office and asked if he had written the memo. He said, "Yes." On July 21, McMaster's deputy, Ricky Waddell, told Higgins to resign, according to Higgins. Waddell did not respond to several requests for comment.

Two weeks later, around the end of July, CNN reported that both Harvey and Cohen-Watnick left the NSC under circumstances that were not clear. Higgins says the two were told to go. On August 18, Bannon also left the White House.

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So we know for sure there were 4 people involved in attempting to weed out the deep state considered to be subverting Trump's Presidency:

1. Rich Higgins
2. Derek Harvey
3. Ezra Cohen-Watnick
4. Steve Bannon

We already covered Higgins but I want to provide some interesting details about the other 3. I want to start with both Ezra and Harvey. If you've read the Devolution Series to this point, you already know that Ezra plays a massive role in whatever Trump was putting in place before leaving office, but more context never hurts.

First, I'd like to point out that when McMaster first tried to fire Ezra, Trump wouldn't allow it:

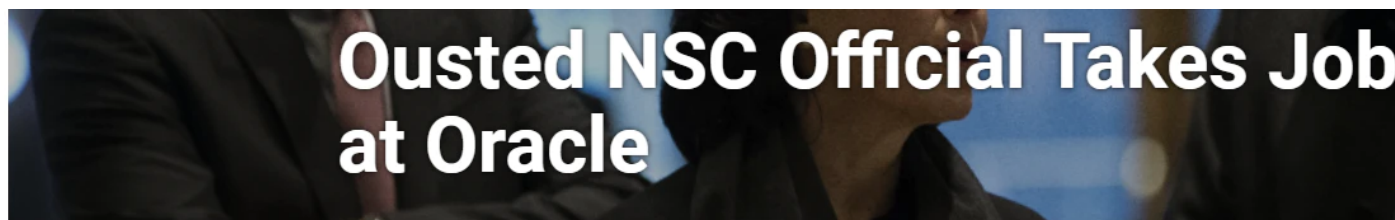
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There was one person, however, who McMaster couldn't get rid of: Ezra Cohen-Watnick, the senior director for intelligence programs. McMaster tried to remove him in March, but President Trump, at the urging of Bannon and Jared Kushner, told McMaster that Cohen-Watnick was staying, as first reported by *Politico*. According to a senior White House official, the two men had a sit-down meeting the following week in which McMaster acknowledged that he hadn't been able to do what he wanted to do, and that they would keep things as they are and "see how they go for a while." That was over four months ago. That Cohen-Watnick, 31 years old and largely unknown before entering the administration, has become unfireable **reveals how important he has become to the Trump White House**, where loyalty is prized.

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The second thing to point out is where Ezra went after he eventually did leave the NSC?

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by Kate Brannen

September 12, 2017



Ezra Cohen-Watnick, who was fired from the National Security Council in August, has landed a new job at the Washington, D.C. office of Oracle, the Silicon Valley software giant, according to two sources with knowledge of his move.

Both Richard the Saint and I have covered Oracle extensively so the significance of Ezra going to work there immediately after leaving the NSC should be lost on no one.

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His new job title is not confirmed and the company declined a request for comment.

The Trump administration already has ties to the company. Safra Catz, CEO of the company along with Mark Hurd, was on the executive committee of the Trump transition team, making her unique among Silicon Valley executives, who have [either publicly criticized the administration](#) or avoided being too [closely associated with it](#) (one big exception to this is [billionaire tech investor Peter Thiel](#)). The Trump transition team even talked to her about becoming the U.S. Trade Representative or Director of National Intelligence, according to a Bloomberg [report](#). In January, she wrote an [op-ed](#) in *The Hill*, arguing why Steven Mnuchin, Trump's choice for Treasury Secretary, needed to be confirmed quickly.

“Mnuchin and President-elect Trump will disrupt the status quo and promote higher growth and better wages. That's exactly what we need right now,” she wrote.

Retired Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg, the NSC's chief of staff, has also worked at Oracle. In 2003, he retired from the Army and became senior vice president for homeland security solutions at the company. Later that year, he took a short leave of absence to work as the chief operating officer for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq under L. Paul Bremer.

Kellogg and Cohen-Watnick worked together on the NSC, where from January through early August, Cohen-Watnick was the senior director for intelligence programs. It was a short stint that brought with it plenty of controversy. He was hired by President Donald Trump's first national security advisor, retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, before Flynn was forced to resign in February. Flynn's choice of Cohen-Watnick, a 31-year old who previously worked at the Defense Intelligence Agency, was greeted with skepticism by many in the intelligence community who viewed him as too junior for such an important post.

He gained notoriety for being one of the White House officials who shared intelligence reports with Rep. Devin Nunes, the Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, who then used them in a ham-handed effort to try to buttress Trump's false claim that President Barack Obama had ordered Trump Tower to be wiretapped during the presidential campaign.

Cohen-Watnick's hawkish policy views on Iran, including broadening the war in Syria to take on Iran's proxy forces there to using U.S. spies to help force regime change in Tehran, also got him into trouble with other Trump administration officials, including Defense Secretary James Mattis, who disagreed with him on these issues.

Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster tried to move Cohen-Watnick out of his job soon after taking over from Flynn, but the young NSC staffer appealed to the president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and **Stephen Bannon**, who was serving as the president's chief strategist, to help save his job back in March. They intervened on his behalf and Cohen-Watnick managed to hold onto his job until August.

“General McMaster is confident that Ezra will make many further significant contributions to national security in another position in the administration,” a White House statement said at the time.

A week before Cohen-Watnick was fired, **Derek Harvey**, the top Middle East advisor on the NSC, was also asked to step down by McMaster. Since leaving the Trump administration, **Harvey has returned to working for Nunes on Capitol Hill**, where he was employed before joining the Trump administration in January, the Daily Beast reported Monday night. While not totally unexpected, **Harvey's return to Nunes' staff is sure to raise a few eyebrows** thanks to the role he played in the Trump White House combined with Nunes' compromised position as someone viewed to be doing the White House's bidding while at the same time leading one of the committees charged with investigating the Trump campaign and any involvement it may have had with Russian efforts to interfere with the election.

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In addition to Ezra simply going to work for Oracle (which is massive), there are two other key takeaways from this article that I think are important:

- Ezra was one of the White House officials who shared intelligence reports with Devin Nunes
  - Who was the other? I'll show you shortly.
- Derek Harvey returned to working for Devin Nunes who was leading the charge against the Russia Collusion Hoax

The fact that Devin Nunes, the primary source fighting the Russia Collusion Hoax narrative, is connected to both these individuals is important. This whole war is a battle for the narrative, and we can only imagine how important dismantling the Russia Collusion Hoax is in that battle. That is why we put so much importance on the work Durham is doing - his investigation is a major offensive in this irregular warfare. Because both Ezra and Harvey are connected to Nunes and his work, they are therefore connected to Durham.

Let's go a little further into the details of both of these two individuals.

First, [Ezra and the other official sharing intel with Devin Nunes.](#)

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## ***2 White House Officials Helped Give Nunes Intelligence Reports***

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By MATTHEW ROSENBERG, MAGGIE HABERMAN and ADAM GOLDMAN MARCH 30, 2017

WASHINGTON — A pair of White House officials played a role in providing Representative Devin Nunes of California, a Republican and the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, with the intelligence reports that showed that President Trump and his associates were incidentally swept up in foreign surveillance by American spy agencies.

The revelation that White House officials assisted in the disclosure of the intelligence reports — which Mr. Nunes then discussed with President Trump — is likely to fuel criticism that the intelligence chairman has been too eager to do the bidding of the Trump administration while his committee is supposed to be conducting an independent investigation of Russia's meddling in the last presidential election.

Mr. Nunes has also been faulted by his congressional colleagues for sharing the information with President Trump before consulting with other members of the intelligence committee.

The congressman has refused to identify his sources, saying he needed to protect them so others would feel safe coming to the committee with sensitive information. He disclosed the existence of the intelligence reports on March 22, and in his public comments he has described his sources as whistle-blowers trying to expose wrongdoing at great risk to themselves.

Several current American officials identified the White House officials as **Ezra Cohen-Watnick**, the senior director for intelligence at the National Security Council, and **Michael Ellis**, a lawyer who works on national security issues at the White House Counsel's Office and formerly worked on the staff of the House Intelligence Committee.

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So Ezra Cohen-Watnick and Michael Ellis were the ones who reported to Devin Nunes about the unmasking requests from the Obama White House - the same unmasking requests that Admiral Rogers would have been aware of. Did Rogers tell Ezra and Ellis where to look?

The name Michael Ellis is more important than people realize. Michael Ellis previously worked for Devin Nunes on the house intelligence committee before joining the NSC so he has multiple

connections to the battle over the Russian Collusion Hoax narrative. There is also another reason he appears to play an important role but I'll get to that later on.

Ezra is even further connected to the Durham investigation due to where he went to work after he left Oracle.


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# Former White House official involved in 'unmasking' controversy joining Justice Department

A controversial former NSC official is joining the Department of Justice.

By [Alexander Mallin](#) and [Benjamin Siegel](#)

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Ezra Cohen-Watnick, a former White House adviser and Trump loyalist, will be joining the Justice Department as a national security adviser to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, a source familiar with the move confirms to ABC News.

His appointment to the upper echelon of the Justice Department comes as President Donald Trump has been publicly lambasting the DOJ and FBI over how fast it's complying with congressional Republican requests for documents and records related to the FBI's investigation of Hillary Clinton, FISA applications seeking surveillance of Trump associates, and the Russia probe generally.

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It could just be coincidence, but I do find it interesting that Ezra would join the DOJ as the national security advisor to Sessions merely weeks after Sessions disclosed Attorney John Huber was leading the investigation into all the Clinton related scandals - an investigation that was chalk full with major national security issues and would later be handed off to John Durham. From Devolution - Part 20:

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On March 29th 2018, Jeff Sessions disclosed that he had specifically assigned United States Attorney John Huber to lead the effort of investigating those “various matters”:

As noted in Assistant Attorney General Stephen E. Boyd’s November 13, 2017, letter to the House Committee on the Judiciary, I already have directed senior federal prosecutors to evaluate certain issues previously raised by the Committee. In that letter, Mr. Boyd stated:

“These senior prosecutors will report directly to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General, as appropriate, and will make recommendations as to whether any matters not currently under investigation should be opened, whether any matters currently under investigation require further resources, or whether any matters merit the appointment of a Special Counsel.”

Specifically, **I asked United States Attorney John W. Huber to lead this effort.** Mr. Huber is an experienced federal prosecutor who was twice confirmed

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Now let’s look into Derek Harvey. Derek Harvey, who like Ellis previously worked for Nunes in the House Intelligence Committee ended up returning to his post there as one of Nunes’ top aides. He was working with Nunes and those aides in compiling the Nunes Memo. Who else just happened to be a top aide for Devin Nunes?

Kash Patel (and no I am not Kash Patel).

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## **Who is Kash Patel? Defense secy Chris Miller's chief of staff has a murky history 'trafficking deep state conspiracies'**

Kash Patel, according to reports, is 'fiercely loyal to Trump' and has 'trafficked in deep state conspiracy theories'

By Abhinav Singh

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During the first years of the Trump administration, Patel was a national security aide for the House Intelligence Committee under Nunes. He was also the key author of the controversial Nunes memo which was central to the Republican narrative that FBI and Department of Justice (DOJ) officials inappropriately obtained FISA warrants for several of Trump campaign staffers, including Carter Page (petroleum industry consultant and a former foreign-policy adviser to Trump). His name surfaced in the Trump–Ukraine scandal; a scandal involving efforts by Trump to coerce Ukraine and other foreign countries into providing damaging narratives about Joe Biden as well as misinformation relating to Russian interference in the 2016 United States elections.

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“The controversial Nunes memo which was central to the Republican narrative...”

You can clearly see that there is a very interesting overlap between the same characters who were seeking to weed out the deep state and Devin Nunes and therefore the Durham investigation.

I feel like I’m beating a dead horse every time I say this, but it bears repeating - Everything before, during, and after the Trump Presidency has been a battle for the narrative. Especially since leaving office, it has been a battle to delegitimize Biden and his administration. The Durham investigation, although not garnering the results we have been hoping for yet, is and will be a major aspect of controlling the narrative.

Furthermore, Devin Nunes is now the CEO of Truth Social. Not only is he connected to the “hit list squad” but he is playing a major role in the current irregular warfare offensive against the political establishment. Truth Social is a weapon in the battle for the narrative. These connections cannot be overlooked.

I promise I’m going somewhere with this and I’ll make some sense of everything shortly (I hope). Before I do, let’s look at the last member of the “hit list squad” - Steve Bannon.

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**Stephen Kevin Bannon** (born November 27, 1953) is an American media executive, [political strategist](#), and former [investment banker](#), who served as the [White House](#)'s chief strategist in the administration of U.S. President [Donald Trump](#) during the first seven months of Trump's term.<sup>[2][3]</sup> He is a former executive chairman of [Breitbart News](#), and previously served on the board of the now-defunct data-analytics firm [Cambridge Analytica](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

Bannon was an officer in the [United States Navy](#) for seven years in the late 1970s and early 1980s. After his military service, he worked for two years at [Goldman Sachs](#) as an investment banker. In 1993, he became acting director of the research project [Biosphere 2](#). He became an [executive producer](#) in [Hollywood](#), and produced 18 films between 1991 and 2016. In 2007, he co-founded [Breitbart News](#), a [far-right](#)<sup>[1]</sup> website which he described in 2016 as "the platform for the [alt-right](#)".<sup>[1]</sup>

In 2016, Bannon became the chief executive officer of [Trump's 2016 presidential campaign](#)<sup>[30][31]</sup> and was appointed Chief Strategist and [Senior Counselor to the President](#) following Trump's election. He left the position eight months later, and rejoined Breitbart. In January 2018, Bannon was disavowed by Trump for critical comments reported in the book [Fire and Fury](#),<sup>[32]</sup> and left [Breitbart](#).

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Bannon is a media executive and political strategist - a major weapon in any battle for the narrative. He was appointed Chief Strategist and Senior Counselor to Trump and he was actually named to the NSC's Principal Committee, something many considered to be irregular for a strategist. Do you remember Trump's powerful 2016 inauguration speech? The speech that consisted of members of our military standing behind Trump at one point?



Did you know that Bannon actually co-authored Trump's inauguration speech? I had no idea!

# Report: Trump's Inaugural Address Written by Steve Bannon, Stephen Miller

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The inauguration speech that President Donald Trump had promised to write all by himself was actually mostly written by **chief strategist Steve Bannon** and senior adviser Stephen Miller, according to the Wall Street Journal. The speech, with anti-globalist calls to put **"America First,"** was widely panned as overly grim by experts on Saturday. Two days before his inauguration, Trump made a show of the upcoming speech, posting a picture of himself seated at a desk with a pen and paper in hand, looking thoughtful and pensive. "Writing my inaugural address at the Winter White House, Mar-a-Lago. Three weeks ago," he captioned the photo. Two transition officials were also cited by CNN as saying Trump had written the speech's draft himself. The Wall Street Journal has cited a White House official who admitted Trump hadn't written the controversial address, however. Most of the address was actually penned by Bannon and Miller, who reportedly drew inspiration from **Andrew Jackson.**

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Right around the time all the other "hit list squad" members were removed from the NSC, Bannon also left and returned to Breitbart. There were many reports that followed detailing a rift between Trump and Bannon - a rift that I now believe only existed for the optics and the narrative. I explain why I think that later.

## Full Circle

It's now time for me to get to the main point of this whole article, and it all comes down to how willing you are to simply write things off as coincidence. Early on in Trump's Presidency there was an inner circle of "Trump Loyalists" who were working to weed out the deep state that was entrenched within the NSC.

There is one more interesting connection amongst each of these individuals - all of them except for Derek Harvey. Let's look at those individuals one more time, along with a few of the other names brought up in this article so we can fully understand how important the "hit list squad" really is.

The connection between the rest of these individuals, is they all had an "appearance" of some sort between the stolen election on November 3rd, 2020, and Joe Biden's inauguration on January 20th, 2021. That time period is obviously massive to the Devolution Series. This is when Trump was making all the moves that led us to believe he implemented continuity of government.

The fact that all these key players who were fighting the deep state at the very beginning of Trump's Presidency found themselves in the thick of it during our hypothesized implementation of devolution CANNOT be just a coincidence. That is just my interpretation of the information and I encourage you to come to your own conclusion.

Let me show you how each of these players resurfaced. Kash Patel and Ezra Cohen-Watnick have already been discussed heavily so I won't need to provide too much extra detail on them.

## **Ezra Cohen-Watnick**

Keep in mind Ezra is former military. Here is a screenshot from Devolution - Part 3:

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Ezra Cohen-Watnick was promoted to fill the role of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (UDI), the top Pentagon civilian overseeing intelligence. While in this role, he also continued to serve as the **Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (ASD (SO/LIC))**. He was working as both the UDI and the ASD (SO/LIC) from November 11th - January 20th.

Guess who the directly reports to the UDI? The director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). If you're not sure why that is relevant go back and read Part 2 of my Devolution series.

Ezra was first brought into the NSC by General Michael T. Flynn. He has experience with the DIA, CIA, Defense Clandestine Service, and the NSC.

He was also appointed by Trump to chair the Public Interest Declassification Board in December of 2020, a position that would prove useful if you wanted to timely release previously classified information to the public.

Also remember that the Irregular Warfare annex that was added to the National Security Strategy came from the office of the ASD SO/LIC (Run by Ezra Cohen-Watnick at the time).

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## Kash Patel

One thing I want to point out, because I glossed over it in the past, is that Kash has a former association with our military.

In 2014, Patel was hired as a trial attorney in the [United States Department of Justice National Security Division](#), where he simultaneously served as a legal liaison to the [Joint Special Operations Command](#).<sup>[8][11]</sup> During this period he was embedded with [a special mission unit](#) at a "secure facility" and, in 2015, received a commendation from the [Central Intelligence Agency](#).<sup>[10]</sup> In 2017, Patel was appointed senior counsel on counterterrorism at the [House Select Committee on Intelligence](#).<sup>[8][9][a]</sup>

Interesting right? Now a screenshot from Devolution - Part 3:



Kash Patel was promoted to Chief of Staff for Acting Sec Def Miller. He played a major role in uncovering the corruption of the Democrat party during both Spygate and the Ukraine Scandal. He is a lawyer who was a legal liaison to the Joint Special Operations Command. It was even rumored he was being considered to lead the CIA to replace Gina Haspel. As Chief of Staff for Sec Def Miller, Patel would have been intimately involved with the operations planning. He was also designated to lead the DoD's coordination with Biden's transition team. (More on that shortly).

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But people with the transition said the outgoing team's conduct went far beyond the norm and pointed to loyalists installed by the White House as the main reason for the obstruction. Pentagon officials under President Donald Trump **refused to provide information about current operations, particularly in the special operations realm**, because they are "predecisional." That means the Biden team now has limited visibility into key operational issues, including what counterterrorism missions are in the works.

Remember, Kash Patel was designated to lead the transition on behalf of the DoD. He along with Sec Def Miller and the rest of Trump's allies "refused to provide information about current operations, particularly in the special operations realm". That would be the same "realm" from the memo above. This is unprecedented in terms of Presidential Transitions.

### **Steve Bannon**

Remember the rift I mentioned earlier between Trump and Bannon? Well it clearly wasn't that big of a rift because Bannon found himself around the White House in the closing days of Trump's Presidency to help try and overturn the 2020 election - something that now finds him in the crosshairs of the J6 committee:

## **Steve Bannon And Trump Have Reconciled After 2017 Falling Out**



BY KIRSTY JANE - JANUARY 15, 2021

President Trump has repeatedly sought the advice of his former strategist Steve Bannon in recent weeks, Bloomberg reported Thursday.

Trump has spoken on the phone with Bannon multiple times in recent weeks, seeking guidance on how to overturn the 2020 election results, sources close to the matter told Bloomberg. The reunion comes after the president previously distanced himself from the conservative firebrand in 2017.

Bannon served as a top aide during Trump's 2016 campaign, subsequently joining the White House staff right away as a chief strategist before leaving in August 2017. Since then, the relationship between the two has been rocky.

After he left the White House, Bannon supported Trump by criticizing the 2019 impeachment process on his War Room podcast. Bannon's co-host, Raheem Kassam, described both the podcast and the impeachment trial as ***"a chance – barring calling in the whistleblower and Hunter Biden – to explain precisely why President Trump was elected in 2016, and why the permanent political class are determined to get him out in 2020."*** The podcast shifted in focus to cover the COVID-19 pandemic later in 2020.

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Another interesting thing to note is that Bannon was previously in the military:

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Bannon was an officer in the [United States Navy](#) for seven years in the late 1970s and early 1980s. After his military service, he worked for two years at [Goldman Sachs](#) as an investment banker. In 1993, he became acting director of the research project [Biosphere 2](#). He became an [executive producer](#) in [Hollywood](#), and produced 18 films between 1991 and 2016. In 2007, he co-founded *Breitbart News*, a [far-right](#)<sup>[i]</sup> website which he described in 2016 as "the platform for the [alt-right](#)".<sup>[i]</sup>

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## Michael Ellis

[A little background on Ellis](#). First, he once served in the military:

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Ellis attended [Dartmouth College](#)<sup>[7]</sup> where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2006 and graduated summa cum laude.<sup>[8][9]</sup> While at Dartmouth, he was the editor of the [Dartmouth Review](#) and a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.<sup>[8]</sup> He went on to attend [Yale Law School](#) where he earned a [Juris Doctor](#) in 2011.<sup>[10]</sup> While at Yale, he was President of that school's chapter of the [Federalist Society](#).<sup>[11]</sup> In 2011 he was named as one of the [Forbes 30 Under 30](#) for law and policy.<sup>[12][7]</sup> **He also served as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve.**<sup>[13]</sup>

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Second, not only did he serve important roles with Nunes and the Trump administration, but he also is now the general counsel for Rumble - the same Rumble that partnered with TRUTH SOCIAL.

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**Michael Ellis** (born 1984/1985)<sup>[1]</sup> is an American attorney, Republican political operative,<sup>[2]</sup> and former government official. He is a visiting fellow for law and technology with the Heritage Foundation's Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies. Ellis previously worked in multiple positions in the George W. Bush administration, for Republican congressman Devin Nunes and the Trump administration, being called a Donald Trump loyalist.<sup>[3]</sup> He worked as a legal advisor to the National Security Council and was later appointed as Senior Director for Intelligence for the agency. In December 2021, he became the general counsel for the online video platform Rumble.<sup>[4]</sup>

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Here is where he came back up during the period of time where we believe devolution was being implemented. Just 4 days before Trump left the Presidency, acting Sec Def Chris Miller named him the top lawyer for the NSA:

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## Acting defense secretary orders NSA director to immediately install former GOP operative as the agency's top lawyer



By Ellen Nakashima

January 16, 2021 at 8:41 p.m. EST

Acting defense secretary Christopher C. Miller ordered the director of the National Security Agency to install on Saturday a former GOP political operative as the NSA's top lawyer, according to four individuals familiar with the matter.

It is unclear what the NSA will do. The agency and the Pentagon declined to comment.

In November, Pentagon General Counsel Paul C. Ney Jr. named Michael Ellis, then a White House official, to the position of general counsel at the NSA, a career civilian post at the government's largest and most technologically advanced spy agency, [The Post reported](#). He was selected after a competitive civil service competition. He has not taken up the job, however, as he needed to complete administrative procedures, including taking a polygraph test.

Reached by phone Saturday, Ellis said, "I don't talk to the press, thank you," and hung up.

The move is troubling, coming as it does four days before President Trump leaves office and the Biden administration takes over, former U.S. officials said. The move makes it more difficult for the Biden administration to immediately replace him, the former officials said.

"An 11th-hour move like this and a directive from the acting secretary of defense is overwhelmingly strong evidence of irregularity," Hennessey said on Saturday. "Unless the acting secretary of defense can produce a compelling rationale for why this individual needed to be installed now, there should be a presumption that this is improper and the Biden team should remove this individual on Day 1."

So same guy who worked with Ezra Cohen-Watnick in giving the unmasking reports to Devin Nunes, was installed as the top lawyer at the NSA at the “11th hour.” In this series I have outlined numerous moves that were made after the stolen election that allude to some form of continuity of government. This “11th hour” placement of Michael Ellis in the NSA is another one of those moves, even if we don’t fully understand the significance.

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## Rich Higgins

This brings us to our final individual. I’ve already showed you Rich Higgins extensive military background and his expertise in irregular warfare. He also partnered with an expert in strategic communication and information warfare after he left the NSC - a move that does seem important. So how and when did his name surface during the time period devolution was being implemented?

The January 6th Committee has provided us with some good information giving us an insight to Trump’s mindset in dealing with the stolen election. One of the things I’ve already discussed in Devolution - Addendum 4 was the Draft Executive Order dated December 16th, 2020. This document pointed out foreign interference in our election and called for the military to interdict and seize voting machines. Another document I haven’t written about was dated just two days later on December 18th, 2020:

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# Memo circulated among Trump allies advocated using NSA data in attempt to prove stolen election

The proposal to seize and analyze ‘NSA unprocessed raw signals data’ raises legal and ethical concerns that set it apart from other attempts that have come to light

The memo used the banal language of government bureaucracy, but the proposal it advocated was extreme: President Donald Trump should invoke the extraordinary powers of the National Security Agency and Defense Department to sift through raw electronic communications in an attempt to show that foreign powers had intervened in the 2020 election to help Joe Biden win.

Proof of foreign interference would “support next steps to defend the Constitution in a manner superior to current civilian-only judicial remedies,” argued [the Dec. 18, 2020, memo](#), which was circulated among Trump allies.

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[Let's look at the actual memo:](#)

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## Counter-Election Fraud NSPM-13 Request, December 18, 2020

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**TO:****FROM:****DATE:** December 18, 2020

A group of former DoD and IC analysts collected, analyzed, and organized into a work product **substantial evidence suggesting foreign involvement** in both the violent **"Color Revolution"** the U.S. is presently undergoing and **specifically the 2020 Election fraud and their involvement in altering the vote counts in the 2020 Election.** **Expert DOD legal opinion of this work product is that it provides sufficient predicate to form search inquiries against NSA unprocessed raw signals data under the existing authorities of NSPM-13. Those targeted inquiries will likely identify hard evidence of foreign involvement in DOD data which will support all other efforts to reverse the fraud.**

If evidence of foreign interference is found the team would generate a classified DOD legal finding to support **next steps to defend the Constitution in a manner superior to current civilian-only judicial remedies (which should still be pursued in parallel).**

This inquiry would be done confidentially and could be completed in several days. **it would not interfere with any other efforts to reverse fraud.** In fact, it stands to **substantially support those other efforts with hard DOD evidence which POTUS could declassify, as necessary.**

To treat this solely as a **legal issue** is to ensure that the USG's response is under-scoped and inadequate.

We are requesting POTUS instruct acting Secretary of Defense Christopher C. Miller to bring in these three, cleared individuals to form a core advisory team to the White House, SECDEF and DNI regarding foreign interference in the 2020 election:

- CDR (Ret.) Frank Colon, USN, current DOD Senior Legal Counsel for Offensive Cyber Support to U.S. Cyber Command and National Security Agency (NSA) Mission Teams, and former Chief Legal Counsel, Information and Cyber Operations: USSOCOM
- **Richard Higgins** former National Security Council Director for Strategic Planning and National Defense University Chair, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (SOLIC).
- Michael Del Rosso, former consultant to US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), Cyber SME, and recently vetted Presidential Personnel Office candidate for four-star equivalent DOD positions.

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So one of the documents "circulating among Trump allies" was one that pointed to a "color revolution," "foreign interference in our election," and just so happened to include the name of Rich Higgins, one of our irregular warfare gurus?

Remember, Trump had many options available to him besides devolution. Nothing was truly off the table. The draft order and this NSA memo were simply options he could have used but didn't. That doesn't mean they don't provide us with good information. In this case, it tells us Rich Higgins was involved in discussions during that time period devolution was being implemented.

The fact that so many of these individuals who were members of or associated with the "hit list squad" showed up again during the most important period of Trump's Presidency is a coincidence that can't be ignored. These players were clearly part of the larger irregular warfare that has been going on.

I'll explain what I mean in my closing thoughts

## **Closing**

I'd like to once again show you a couple of screenshots of how I concluded Devolution - Part 22 because it is that important:

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*“Narratives are at the center of irregular warfare.”*

Herein lies the entire point I’m trying to make. Trump and his team knew all along that the crimes of the political establishment were going to culminate with them stealing the election. He repeatedly told us the election would be stolen. They also knew he would have no choice but to walk away. It was the only thing he could do to avoid civil war.

He implemented devolution using irregular warfare - and irregular warfare is exactly what we have been seeing unfold since the day the election was stolen.

This war has been a battle for the narrative.

Ever since Joe Biden was “inaugurated”, his legitimacy has been eroding. Many of us already knew it was a stolen election, but this battle for the narrative is taking place over the normies. Is there any doubt why Donald Trump always called the MSM the enemy of the people? They are the ones who have been controlling the narrative for so long. Since January 20th, 2021, the MSM has been losing control of their grip on the narrative, piece by piece. Think of the change in narratives that has occurred since Joe Biden’s Inauguration (just off the top of my head)

By walking away from the stolen election, Donald Trump appeared more than weak - he appeared to be defeated. Really, it was just the start of the irregular warfare campaign to take back our country.

This war over the narrative and control of America has been raging for some time. Trump and his team have been preparing their counteroffensive for years. It was put into motion when the election was stolen.

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What would it take to win a battle for the narrative when your enemy has control of MSM, big tech, social media, and more? Not only do they have control, but they have successfully “brainwashed” an extremely large portion of the population into blindly following every word they say.

In order to win this type of irregular warfare, you would need to dismantle your enemy's stranglehold on the narrative but you would somehow have to bypass them to do so. You need get people the Truth in a way that can't be controlled. Once the Truth is unleashed, there is no going back.



TRUTH IS A FORCE OF NATURE!

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So let's use some game theory here.

There was a team of "Trump loyalists" working to weed out the deep state in the early days of Trump's Presidency and Trump was aware of what they were doing - he instructed them to it. The fact that Rich Higgins was part of that group of "loyalists" is crucial. Higgins is an expert in irregular warfare, he went on to partner with an expert in strategic communications and information operations, and his memo perfectly details the ongoing irregular warfare I've outlined in this series. Higgins knew exactly what kind of battle for the narrative they were up against which means all of them, including Trump, knew exactly what they were up against.

With all that said, what has been the one thing that has worked to dismantle the deep state's stranglehold on the narrative, while bypassing them in the process?

Wouldn't Q be the most logical answer?

I haven't read through the Q drops in their entirety, not even close - I have only seen a handful of drops from people who have shown them to me. Yet, I can objectively see that Q has become one the most valuable weapons in this battle for the narrative. The awakening it sparked is undeniable.

By August of 2017, all members of "the hit list" squad were gone from the NSC and then just a few months later, in October of 2017, Q started the drops. I'm not saying any of the individuals discussed in this article are part of the Q team, I'm just saying there are some interesting connections that can be made.

Regardless, none of that is even my primary point. Let's look at all the moves I outlined in Part 22 which showed the DoD's clear focus on a shift to irregular warfare.

- The 2020 NDAA from December of 2019 gave wide ranging authorities to the military to conduct “clandestine information operations”
- October 2nd, 2020 - The Irregular Warfare annex was added to the National Security Strategy and it came from the office of the ASD SO/LIC (Run by Ezra Cohen-Watnick)
- November 3rd, 2020 - The Presidential election took place and was obviously rife with fraud
- November 7th, 2020 - Joe Biden is declared the winner of the 2020 election
- November 9th, 2020 - Christopher Miller, an Irregular Warfare guru, is named the Acting Secretary of Defense
- November 18th, 2020 - Ezra Cohen-Watnick and Chris Miller give remarks at Fort Bragg during the ceremony which put “Special Operations Command on par with the military services for the first time.”
- December 7th, 2020 - Executive Order 13961 and the accompanying “Strategy” are issued - based in the context of war and using very similar language to the IW annex.
- December 18, 2020: Chris Miller mentions “we’ve been through some of the most complex military operations this country has ever seen.”
- The 2021 NDAA included a 50% budget increase for 1202 Authority (Irregular Warfare)
- Trump’s DoD transition team “refused to provide information about current operations, specifically in the special operations realm”

What was the purpose of all the above if not to prepare for the implementation of some form of irregular warfare?

All of those moves are clear confirmation for me that devolution was implemented because we were in a period of irregular warfare. The same people (all of which have military backgrounds) who from early on in Trump's Presidency were working together to weed out the deep state also played roles during the period of implementing devolution. When you combine Higgins expertise, his memo, and his connection to Ezra Cohen-Watnick as members of the "hit list squad," it's hard not to believe that all of this is connected.

From early on in Trump's Presidency, they knew exactly what kind of enemy they were facing, and they have been preparing to defeat that enemy by using irregular warfare tactics which have culminated in the implementation of a continuity of government plan. Now with Joe Biden in office, they have unleashed the full-scale offensive they had set in motion.

Things truly feel to be in the home stretch now. Trump's 12-page statement was chock-full of devolution proofs. It was one giant, narrative-dismantling middle finger to the political establishment. Here is how he concluded his statement.

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The Democrats know that I would correct all of this, and they are doing everything in their power to stop me – but **we can't be stopped**. We have to Save America.

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The political establishment can no longer contain the narrative that the 2020 election was "the most secure election in U.S. history."

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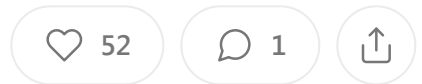


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