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INTRODUCTION

“Who you gonna believe?”

Whenever someone suggests that maybe, just maybe, the 2020 presidential election had some serious irregularities, and perhaps even enough fraud to affect the outcome, the media answer with one voice.

Such allegations, they say, are “false,” “baseless,” involve “falsehoods,” or are even a “conspiracy theory.” Milder dismissals include “debunked,” “unproven,” “without merit,” or “dismissed by the courts.”

The Washington Post, *The New York Times*, the Associated Press, the major TV networks, and other “legacy media” reflexively apply these labels in any news story involving President Trump’s accusation of a stolen election or any attempt by Republican legislators to review what happened.

The problem of election chicanery is twofold. First, election fraud is difficult to prove and prosecutors are reluctant to assign staff time. After an election is called, there is a tendency to adopt a “that horse has left the barn” attitude. Even when compelling facts come to light, the media, which is a subsidiary of the Democratic Party, quickly snuff out the flame. Sometimes, the most glaring act of bias is simply a conscious decision not to report.

Second, much of the voluminous evidence of fraud in the 2020 election never surfaced because courts refused to look at it. They dismissed most cases on technicalities without determining whether the evidence itself was even worth reviewing. So, to say that the courts determined that there was no fraud is profoundly misleading.

But, as a sage said, facts are stubborn things. Since Joe Biden was sworn into office as the 46th President of the United States, the

sheer amount of evidence of manipulation, cover-up, procedural irregularities, and outright fraud before, during, and after the election has soared.

Compelling Footage

Late election night official video footage from Atlanta (Fulton County) that went viral clearly shows election workers pulling cases or suitcases out from under draped tables after Republican observers and media had been sent home on the premise of a water leak (even that story kept changing). We see the workers methodically stuffing ballots into counting machines. Although the media have either ignored this or dismissed it as “debunked,” no rebutting evidence has been presented. Joe Biden’s margin of victory in Georgia was only 11,779.

“Biden had received a huge spike in numbers from Fulton County at the same time as the footage was timestamped,” write Mollie Hemingway in her book *Rigged: How the Media, Big Tech and the Democrats Seized Our Elections*.¹

After the video went viral, and Fox News reported it, the *Washington Post* mocked concerns about it. *Post* writer Eric Wemple wrote: “Of course, there’s another explanation, one offered by Fulton County Director of Registration and Elections Richard L. Barron: ‘According to my staff, that’s just normal.’”² The *Post* also reported that Barron said, “No one from my staff made an announcement for anyone to leave.”

Oh, okay then. Nothing to see here. The great paper’s vast, investigative power was spent.

“In addition to the video footage, there were multiple affidavits from poll watchers and dozens of media reports on Election Night saying that they were told the counting was done for the night,” Hemingway wrote.

For many people who have viewed the Atlanta video, including the author of this book, the denials are reminiscent of Chico Marx in the 1933 film, *Duck Soup*. Dressed like Groucho, he is caught by

a lady leaving a bedroom. Moments later, he comes back, and she insists that she had just seen him leave. He denies it, saying, “Well, who you gonna believe—me or your own eyes?”³

Many people on both sides of the aisle are advising Mr. Trump and the rest of us “election deniers” to believe them and “move on.” Just concentrate on the next election instead of doing a deep dive into what happened in 2020.

However, it’s not an either/or. We do need to look forward and work toward electing constitutional conservatives at every level and to strengthen election integrity. At the same time, we need to become educated about what happened in 2020 so it won’t happen again.

It would be nice if there were a smoking gun so powerful that it could actually reverse the presidential election, but that is extremely unlikely. When the powers-that-be are shown inconvenient truths, they pointedly ignore them while their media allies slander the truth tellers. Pursuing election fraud or uncovering government malfeasance is not for cowards.

You can ask MyPillow owner Mike Lindell, who has spent a small fortune gathering research on allegedly faulty voting machines. He has been called every name in the book by liberal media outlets. In June 2022, even Wal-Mart discontinued selling MyPillow products.⁴

In July 2021, the Fox News Channel refused to carry an ad by Mr. Lindell for a “Cyber Symposium” he was sponsoring August 10-12 in South Dakota. In response, Mr. Lindell pulled out of the network, which had carried \$50 million in MyPillow ads in 2019,⁵ many on the leading nightly cable show, *Tucker Carlson Tonight*. Two months later, Mr. Lindell began running ads again on the show.⁶

Why Honest Elections Matter

Elections have consequences. The one in 2020 has proved disastrous.

The Left, which controls the presidency and both houses of Congress, has unleashed a tsunami of bad government that, if not reversed, could spell an end to our 246-year-old self-governing re-

public. In short order, the Biden Administration, a Congress run by Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer, and numerous liberal state, county, and city officials have:

1. Spent trillions on “Covid relief,” boosting America’s national debt to more than \$30 trillion.
2. Waged a war on American energy, ending our independence and forcing us to beg from unfriendly regimes, such as Russia and Venezuela.
3. As a result of the first two actions, unleashed dangerous inflation, the worst in more than 40 years.
4. Stoked racial division, reversing decades of progress.
5. Abetted an urban violent crime wave, including a huge upsurge in murders, thanks to hands-off prosecutors and the BLM/Antifa-led war on police.
6. Put thousands of small businesses out of business.
7. Corrupted schools and the military with “woke” ideology such as Critical Race Theory, socialist economics, and forced acceptance of all things LGBTQ.
8. Empowered our enemies abroad (Cuba, Iran, China, Afghanistan’s Taliban, for example) while handicapping our friends, such as Israel.
9. Loaded the federal courts with far-Left appointees, including a radical new justice at the Supreme Court.
10. Used the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to lock down churches, schools, and businesses, and impose vaccination and mask mandates.

- 11.** Turned the U.S. Justice Department, including the FBI, into a fiercely partisan battering ram against political opponents and even parents protesting school policies.
- 12.** Waged a war on election integrity at every level, weakening America’s claim to being a self-governing democratic republic.
- 13.** Advanced every part of the LGBTQ agenda. Biden even issued an executive order which threatens to withhold federal lunch money grants to schools that do not embrace transgender ideology.⁷

These developments are the tip of the iceberg. This book will review how we got here and what we need to do about it now.

First, we need to dive deeper into what really happened in 2020. God willing, they won’t be able to cover it up forever.

CHAPTER I

What Really Happened in 2020

In October 2020, President Donald Trump was cruising toward re-election. He had midwived a roaring economy, with minimal inflation, American energy independence, and gasoline at just over \$2 a gallon.⁸

Unemployment, especially among minorities, including blacks and Hispanics, was historically low.

Mr. Trump's rallies attracted tens of thousands of people, sometimes causing traffic backups of several miles. Meanwhile, his opponent, a COVID-masked Joe Biden, seemed mentally compromised and stayed mostly in his own home. He rarely ventured out, and when he did, he drew pitifully small crowds. He avoided giving press conferences, as has been the case since he was sworn into office in January 2021.

Overseas, Mr. Trump had nearly obliterated ISIS, brokered a historic treaty between Israel and two Arab nations (the Abraham Accords), was rebuilding America's armed forces after the Obama drawdown, and projected a Reaganesque sense of American strength. He insisted that our NATO allies pay more of their share of the common defense in Europe, which they did.

Although Mr. Trump allowed some slippage in the culture war to LGBTQ activists within the Republican Party, he infuriated the pansexual Left by overturning an Obama order that pushed the LGBTQ agenda in schools and another that had established "transgender rights" in the military. The sheer fury directed at him by LGBTQ activists continues to this day.

Increasingly, Mr. Trump became a vocal pro-life advocate. He

was backed by pro-life groups and promoted pro-life policies. He appointed many pro-life judges, including three on the U.S. Supreme Court; reestablished the “Mexico City Policy” prohibiting tax dollars to organizations that perform or promote abortions here and abroad; cut off funding to the United Nations Population Fund because of its involvement in China’s forced abortion policies; ordered the Secretary of State to add pro-life requirements to many health-related foreign aid programs; backed an end to funding Planned Parenthood; and, supported many pro-life bills, including the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, and more.⁹

He championed religious liberty and appointed executive officials who bucked the “woke” Washington culture, like Russell Vought, director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Vought’s matter-of-fact embrace of his Christianity during his confirmation hearing drove a frustrated socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT) into yelling at him and declaring him unfit for public office.¹⁰

President Trump’s court appointees were some of the most conservative in recent memory. He shifted the ideological makeup of the U.S. Supreme Court to a solid 5-4 conservative majority, and a 6-3 conservative majority when “swing man” Chief Justice John Roberts joins in. He even brought balance to the notoriously leftist Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, which takes cases originating in the West.¹¹

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We could list many more accomplishments, but the purpose of this book is not to make a case for the Trump presidency so much as explain the conditions that defy the 2020 outcome.

The entire time that Mr. Trump was reinventing the nation, he was under a constant and often vicious attack hatched by Hillary Clinton’s hirelings and weaponized

by a corrupt, Deep State FBI under President Obama and the profoundly partisan, dishonest Big Tech and national news media.

In fact, the media were so bad that they aided and abetted the “Russian collusion” hoax for more than three years, awarding each other Pulitzer Prizes for the sham reporting that was intended to prevent a Trump re-election, cripple his presidency, and facilitate two impeachments.

America has had many political scandals since its inception, but nothing of this magnitude. The ruling elites, shocked by Mr. Trump’s 2016 win and his subsequent successes, decided to take him out, whatever the cost.

And they did.

Here’s a summary from an independent information site, US 2020 Election Fraud at a Glance:

“The US 2020 Presidential Election counted a record-breaking 158 million votes, 22 million higher than the previous election, and yet was decided by only 42,918 votes or 0.027% across Arizona, Georgia, and Wisconsin.”¹²

In other words, it wouldn’t have taken much meddling or manipulation to change the outcome of the presidential election.

Anomalies Remain

Even a cursory look at the election landscape just before, during, and after the election, yields questions with no easy answers.

Registration—Between 2016 and 2020, Republicans scored major gains in voter registration. This was the case in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin, which Trump carried in 2016 but lost to Biden in 2020.¹³

In Pennsylvania, Republicans increased their registration number by 242,000, contrasted with only 12,000 more Democrat registrations. In fact, 60 of 67 counties trended more Republican than they did when Trump beat Hillary Clinton in 2016. Yet Biden finished with about 140,000 more votes.

Bellwether counties—Nineteen counties had voted for the winner in every presidential election since 1980. Trump in 2020 carried 18 of the 19 but lost the election.¹⁴

Bellwether states—Whoever wins Florida, Iowa, Ohio, and North Carolina usually wins the presidency. In fact, “When won together, Iowa, Ohio, and North Carolina have a perfect record identifying the national presidential winner since 1896,” wrote Patrick Basham in *Chronicles of Culture*.¹⁵ Trump won all those states.

Incumbent advantage—Since 1892, no president has gained more votes over his previous total and lost re-election. That is, until Trump 2020, when 12.1 million more voters chose him and he still lost.¹⁶

Beating the odds?—In 2016, Las Vegas bookmakers heavily had Donald Trump losing to Hillary Clinton. In 2020, in February, bookmakers favored Trump for re-election until COVID-19 began hitting home. In September, Trump was either favored or tied.¹⁷ By November, Biden initially was favored, but by much closer odds than Hillary Clinton. If the pattern had held, Trump should have won.

On Election Night, the odds flipped as big states like Florida and Ohio went early for Trump, and battleground states like Pennsylvania and Michigan seemed headed there as well. Trump was favored by as much as 8-1 at one point.¹⁸ That’s when Fox News inexplicably and prematurely announced Arizona for Biden. “At that moment, Trump’s odds crashed almost instantly from 8 to 1, back down to 2 to 1,” wrote Wayne Allyn Root, a commentator and sports gambling expert, who added, “Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania all mysteriously quit counting around midnight.”¹⁹

“These states supposedly stopped counting, yet their totals flipped overnight.

“I actually took screen shots before I went to bed,” Root wrote. “Trump was winning Michigan by over 300,000 votes when they

stopped counting. He was up in Wisconsin by over 100,000. In Pennsylvania, he was up almost 700,000 votes. But in the wee hours of the morning I took a new screenshot. Suddenly Biden was up by 9,000 in Wisconsin and 30,000 in Michigan. How'd that happen? I thought they stopped counting?"

Minority voters—In 2020, Trump doubled his share of the black vote, garnering 12 percent, the highest any Republican had totaled since Richard Nixon in 1960. Trump also got 38 percent of the Hispanic vote, 10 points higher than his 28 percent in 2016. Yet Biden somehow outperformed Barack Obama among minority voters and by 12 million more votes overall than Obama did in 2008.²⁰

Changing the rules—In several states, including Arizona, courts overrode established election procedures.

“The Arizona Legislature had established the deadline for registering to vote,” Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) explained in a *Washington Times* opinion piece.²¹ “The federal courts upheld the October 5, 2020, deadline as being constitutional, yet allowed approximately 40,000 people to register to vote after the deadline. Regardless of how these individuals registered or voted, their votes were illegal.

“Further, I was given hundreds of affidavits by researchers who found many bad addresses, many voters not at the locus, and otherwise ineligible to vote. Several thousand voted, representing several thousand potential fraudulent votes. If fewer than 6,000 changed, the election would have gone the other way.” Indeed, Joe Biden prevailed by only 10,457 votes out of 3.4 million cast.

Many more anomalies and questions remain, including the enthusiasm gap. Trump’s rallies were, as he would say, “Huge!” He also seemed to have a clear advantage in merchandise sales, yard signs, and even car and boat parades.

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“Although it is statistically possible that Biden won,” Basham wrote, “clearly it is statistically implausible that he actually did.”²²

One more thing that was a game-changer. More than 50 national security experts, plus Big Tech and news media, lied to American voters just before the election, falsely saying that the Hunter Biden laptop brimming with details about Hunter’s sordid lifestyle and Biden family corruption in Ukraine, China and Russia was merely “Russian disinformation.”

CHAPTER 2

The Double Hoax

The Trump-Russia collusion hoax, also known as Operation Crossfire Hurricane, was an illegal FBI, Democratic National Committee, and media effort to prevent Donald Trump's 2016 election and then cripple his presidency afterward.

What we know now, from the investigation by special prosecutor John Durham, is that the FBI was corrupted by partisan Obama and Clinton staff, including heads of national security agencies, and weaponized against political enemies—Donald Trump and his supporters.

The hoax was actually two-fold:

1. Democrats planted a lie in the media that Trump had conspired with a Russian bank, Alpha.
2. Democrats leaked to the media a fake intelligence file, the Steele Dossier, named after a British ex-spy who compiled it with aid from Russian disinformation experts. The file was full of sordid, false sexual allegations against Trump.

In both cases, the major media, most notably the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, swallowed the lies hook, line, and sinker, and kept repeating them ad nauseum even after it became obvious that these were falsehoods from the start. The only thing that mattered was to destroy Trump, as many liberal media openly urged.²³

The double hoax began in the wake of the government's failure to prosecute Democrat Secretary of State and presidential candidate