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Issue #3 - Pardon Me?

Topic - Trump's January 6 pardons

Several times Trump stated that he would not pardon those guilty of serious crimes in the January 6 riot, only those prisoners who were peaceful bystanders. That did not last long. The pardoning of over 1600 Jan 6 rioters is a national disgrace and an affront to the concept of a "Law and Order" party.

In the News

Austin Sarat, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Jurisprudence and Political Science at Amherst College. 1/20/25

"Trump's pardons of Jan. 6 insurrectionists turns the Founders' vision on its head"

"Less than 24 hours after taking the presidential oath of office for a second time, Donald Trump made good on his promise to grant clemency to the people who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021". [Read More](#)

Steve Benen - 1/8/25 -

Trump's rhetoric about Jan. 6 rioters takes a weird and unexpected turn.

"The president-elect has lied about Jan. 6 before, but his latest comments about the rioters broke new ground — including a bizarre claim about Hezbollah." Donald Trump hasn't exactly "made an effort to hide his eagerness to pardon Jan. 6 criminals once he returns to the White House. In a recent post-election interview with Time magazine, the president-elect not only said he intends to issue these pardons, he added that he hopes to do so "maybe" within "the first nine minutes" of his second term." [Read More](#)

Jordan Rubin, MSNBC 1/6/2025

What this criticism of Trump's promised Jan. 6 pardons gets wrong about the justice system.

"A Wall Street Journal editorial argued that pardoning certain Jan. 6 defendants "would contradict Mr. Trump's support for law and order." That misses an important point." [Read More](#)

Christian Science Monitor - 11/15/24

Trump promised to pardon Jan. 6 felons. Where does that stand now

"The Trump campaign said, before the election, that he would decide pardons "on a case-by-case basis when he is back in the White House." For Professor Osler, that suggests "It's going to be some [Jan. 6 defendants], not all" who receive clemency." [Read more](#)

User Views

(Note from the host - I particularly appreciated the "Declaration of Dismissal" provided by my friend, R Jay Wilde attached below. Please read it.)

A Declaration of Dismissal

*"The unanimous Declaration of the fifty United States of America, when in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for a people to remove the political powers which have been selected to govern them, and to assume among the powers of the earth, a new elected authority of government to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to this sudden change of governing power.' **Read the full article here -> [Declaration of Dismissal](#)***

2/1/25 - "I'm a Democrat, have never been anything else, but I have never been active or vocal. I know I'm in the minority, so lots of you are Republicans and Trumpers. Frankly he scares me to death. The most significant demonstration of my fear was the pardoning of the rioters of January 6th. His revenge on Dr. Fauci and General Milley showed no class, only meanness. His rude words against Jim Acosta in that recent press conference was not only unpresidential, it was disrespectful and undignified. I believe an attempt to impeach him should be started. I hope it does."

1/31 - "Wow Mike thank you so much for putting into words what I would imagine most Americans really feel in their hearts. Yes DT is a profound and compulsive liar. And a full blown narcissist. Where he thinks the whole world revolves around him in everything he says and does, to help make him appear to be smarter, better etc than anyone else. To achieve this, he will lie, intimidate, badger, threaten and do anything he can to make other people look small, bad, incompetent and yes even dishonest. Thinking if he runs other people down, he thinks he will look better, as people with low self-esteem do, thinking by criticizing other people, they enhance their own image. Mike I didn't even get into all the many lawsuits and convictions and his denials Declaration of Dismissal Trump's Pardons"