

# News and Views 25

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## Issue # 7 “The Big Gulf” and “President’s Lawyer”

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### Topic - Trump changing the world map

#### What's in a name?

Trump's at it again. Now he wants to change the globe. He unilaterally decided that the “Gulf of Mexico” should be renamed “The Gulf of America”. That didn't go over so well with the rest of the world, and Trump decided that anyone who does not agree should be punished. Read below about how he treated one of the premier journalism companies.

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### In the News

#### The Associated Press. 2/32/25 The Big GULF

*“On Jan. 20, 2025, President Trump issued an executive order renaming the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America. The gulf shares borders with Mexico and Cuba, and by its own terms, the executive order applied only to the area within the United States. The gulf has been known as the Gulf of Mexico for over 400 years and remains known around the world as the Gulf of Mexico.”*

*The AP [said last month](#), three days after Trump's inauguration, that it would continue to refer to the Gulf of Mexico while noting Trump's decision to rename it as well. So, a simple difference of opinion, “you say potato, I say potawto” kind of thing. Easy to resolve, right? Ha, ha. Just kidding.”*

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#### Variety 2/21/25 - AP Sues over “Gulf of America” ban

*“The White House has ordered the Associated Press to use certain words in its coverage or else face an indefinite denial of access,” [Read more](#)*

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#### CNN 2/14/25

*“The Trump White House said Friday that The Associated Press is banned from the Oval Office and Air Force One indefinitely. The AP, one of the world's biggest news outlets, was singled out by the White House earlier this week over three words: “Gulf of Mexico.” [Read more](#)*

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## **“I’m your new lawyer”**

**Note from the Host:** The following section is related to the actions of Trump. Historically, the Department of Justice lawyers are tasked with upholding the law without Fear or Favor. They are to protect the people of our country in a neutral fashion, and never be swayed by political pressure.

The following statement introduces a starting new posture from the lawyers appointed by Trump - describing the department as “The PRESIDENT’S lawyers”.

On 2/24/25 **Edward R. Martin, Jr.**, [currently serving as the interim head](#) of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia stated:

*“As President Trumps’ (sic) lawyers, we are proud to fight to **protect his leadership** as our President and we are vigilant in standing against entities like the AP that refuse to put America first,” This statement was issued in respect to the issue banning the AP from press conferences.”*

The Department of Justice is **the PEOPLES lawyer**, not the president’s.

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**Barbara McQuade**, MSNBC 2/26/25

***The top D.C. prosecutor just called himself Trump’s lawyer. That’s a problem.***

*“There is no mission description for federal prosecutors to “fight to protect his leadership as our president,” nor to be “vigilant in standing against entities” “that refuse to put America first.” That is the kind of partisan politics the Department of Justice has fervently avoided since the Watergate era.”*

Under the Department’s [Principles of Federal Prosecution](#), policies implemented in the late 1970s, prosecutors may never consider partisan politics in making charging decisions.” [Read more](#)