

EXHIBIT A-13: Johnson CNN Intellectual Consistency Claims July 30, 2025

1. **Reporter:** In 2023, when you announced plans to publicly release thousands of hours of footage from the January 6th, 2021 Capitol attack, critics argued that it could be a safety risk because the footage detailed how rioters access the building and the routes lawmakers use to find safety. And you said in a statement at the time, quote, this decision will provide millions of Americans, criminal defendants, public interest organizations, and the media and ability to see for themselves what happened that day, rather than having to rely upon the interpretation of a small group of government officials. Now, obviously the Capitol attack and the Epstein sex trafficking scandal are two different things, but the principle of trusting a small group of government officials is the same. I think one of the problems people have is especially MAGA base people, MAGA Republicans, is that a small group of government officials entered into a sweetheart deal with Epstein in 2007, 2008. Uh, and then seemed to have been protecting a lot of the bad guys who availed themselves of these victims.
2. **Johnson:** Well, look, all I can say is we've been intellectually consistent about this whole thing. I want everything to come out about the Epstein evils that is possible to be released because the people that were involved in those unspeakable evil acts should be punished with the greatest severity of the law and it's, it should have happened a long time ago. So I'm, I'm. Fully in favor of that, we have to do it in a responsible manner. That's why we're intellectually consistent just with the J Six tapes. It is, we want people to draw their own own conclusions. Uh, but there's a couple of hours that were never released because it shows the secret exits, for example, in the Senate. Like that would be, uh, create a harm for people who serve in that body. Sure. We, we have to do it in a, in a responsible manner. But look, I'm pushing for aggressively for the full release of everything that is possible. And by the way, so is the president, he has said the same thing. We're using every mechanism within our power to do that and to do it as quickly as possible.

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