

EXHIBIT A-2: Johnson Constitutional Impossibility Interview (Major Garrett)

1. **Garrett:** Mr. Speaker, it's great to see you. Thanks for the time.
2. **Johnson:** Welcome, glad you're here on the on the Hill. Good to have you.
3. **Garrett:** Jeffrey Epstein has it ground the House of Representatives to a halt. That is the public perception.
4. **Johnson:** Uh, I think the Democrats are working really hard to make that the public perception, but it's not true.
Um, I made the case many times today, and I have over this week, the house Republicans are united on this. We all want full disclosure, maximum disclosure. Uh, many of us have been intellectually consistent about that from the beginning, and nothing has changed in that regard. The president himself is there as well. There's no daylight between us and the White House, and he says he wants all credible evidence to be put out there for the American people to make their own conclusions. And they're working on that. The problem they have is that much of what is referred to loosely as the Epstein files is under seal by the courts. And so you gotta have the Department of Justice go in and request the release, for example, of the grand jury testimony
5. **Garrett:** that was denied today by one Florida judge because it's a very. Difficult, delicate process.
6. **Johnson:** It is, and there's a reason for that. I'm a former litigator of federal courts. I mean, uh, the grand jury process is jealously guarded and a lot of the material that comes outta there cannot be carefully evaluated by people because there's no cross-examination and a grand jury hearing. No. You know, I mean, none of the evidence has to be corroborated, you know, it's not a full trial setting. So a lot of allegations can be made in, in a situation like that, where if the public just viewed it that way, they might, they might skew it in one way or the other. So. It's something in our system that has traditionally been protected. The judges are, are, are, are cautious about that, understand that. But at the same time, this matter, I think is, uh, an unusual one. It, it merits, there's so much public attention regarding this and the allegations are so, um. So dastardly, I mean, just evil, evil acts the people deserve to know, and so that's why they're pressing for it.
7. **Garrett:** And to the point when the Trump Justice Department said there were more than 1000 victims, for people who knew this case very, very well, did a lot of investigative work on it, that number surprised them high. High number.
8. **Johnson:** Yeah.
9. **Garrett:** Meaning that to their minds, investigative reporters and others, there have to be accomplices, uncharged, accomplices. And that aspect of justice is still missing.
10. **Johnson:** Yes. And it's a great concern to us. I mean, we, we want full transparency. We want everybody who is involved in any way with the Epstein evils, let's call it what it was. To be brought to justice as quickly as possible. We want the full weight of the law on their heads.
11. **Garrett:** But when the Justice Department said in that same two page memo, there's no reason to pursue further prosecutions, many said, how can those two things be properly aligned?
12. **Johnson:** These are good questions. I don't know. I've never seen the Epstein evidence. It wasn't in my lane. Uh. But I have the same concern and question that a lot of people do. And look, I think the president does.
13. **Garrett:** This is not a hoax, in other words.
14. **Johnson:** Oh, it's not a hoax. Of course not. I mean, they're real victims here. But that's part of the delicate, the, the balance that's being done here is, I tried to explain in my press conference this week, man, we want full disclosure. If I had, if I had these things in my possession, I would've put 'em out a long time ago. But I would also have been very careful to protect the innocent. You know, it, it's the standard in law enforcement in the courts and

in government agencies, that you do protect the innocent victims, for example, of sex trafficking and horrific crimes. We, we don't want their names exposed because they would be subjected to more harm. And so you have to be careful in how you do that. But the same time, maximum transparency, all credible evidence, we have to keep pushing for that.

15. **Garrett:** We're gonna move on, but I wanna read you three quotes. One from Ralph Norman, Republican, South Carolina. The public's not gonna let this die. And rightfully so.
16. **Garrett:** Ana, Democrat from California. The question is, who side are you on? Are you on the side of the rich and powerful protecting men, or are you on the side of young girls in America's children? Last quote, Tom Massey, I think, uh, Kentucky Republican. I think it is a watershed moment for the speaker. And the house and the president evaluate those three for me.
17. **Johnson:** Well, I talked to Ralph Norman about 10 minutes ago before I walked in here with you, and he and I agree on this matter. I agree with what he said With regard to Ana and Thomas Massey, I would say, if you're so concerned, why didn't you bring your discharge petition at any time in the last four years? Remember, president Biden and his DOJ had these files for four years. Neither of those guys said a word about it. Thomas Massey is suggesting that this is, uh, some sort of watershed moment. We are all on the same page trying to advance the, the truth, full truth and transparency. And the idea that he's suddenly so concerned about it is curious to me. He waited until President Trump was elected to bring this
18. **Garrett:** Hypocritical.
19. **Johnson:** Seems that way to me.
20. **Garrett:** I want you to do a thought experiment for me. It is election night 2026. Yes. Are you celebrating or are you explaining?
21. **Johnson:** We're celebrating. I'm...
22. **Garrett:** What are you celebrating on election night 2026. I am very bullish on election night 26. I'm absolutely convinced we're gonna grow the house majority. A lot of reasons for that. It's not groundless optimism. It's gonna be the result of a lot of hard work, the fact that we're delivering on our promises to the people. We had a true demographic shift in the 2024 election. We had a record number of Hispanic and Latino voters, for example, uh, black and African American voters, Jewish voters, union workers who came to the Republican party who had not been there traditionally in large numbers before because they came with hopeful anticipation and we're delivering the one big, beautiful bill is a big piece of that. Uh, it's geared for lower and middle class, hard work and Americans, they will feel the effects of that before the midterm election in 2026. In addition to that, I think it's providential, but we have the most favorable election map that our team has had in decades. And what I mean by that is, as you and I are sitting here talking this evening, there are 13 house Democrats sitting in districts that President Trump won. There's another 21 of them sitting in districts. He came within five points of winning, and it gives us an offensive opportunity because conversely, there's only three house Republicans sitting in Kamala Harris districts. So I like those odds. We're gonna go out and target those seats that we can flip from blue to red. We're gonna go out, run on our record. It's gonna resonate with the people, and we're gonna have a good.
23. **Garrett:** Do you want Texas to draw as President Trump has outlined five more districts nominally Republican or leave it as it is?
24. **Johnson:** Um, well, the jury's still out on that one. I mean, I didn't have a didnt have uh
25. **Garrett:** What's your advice to governor? The Governor of Texas. Governor Abbott.
26. **Johnson:** Governor Abbott. Well, they need to follow the law. They need to, uh, be fair...
27. **Garrett:** They have legal rights to do it. Supreme Court settled that.
28. **Johnson:** Of course. Right. And, and I think they will do. I, I'm a fan of Governor Abbott. I think he's been a great governor there. Um, and, and I think the outcome probably en newers to our benefit. It sounds like. I mean, Texas is a red state and, and, uh, that all makes sense, but. We're still awaiting the outcome. I haven't seen the maps yet. No one consulted me on that. Uh, but I am in charge of the whole map in a certain respect and that I'm supposed to

make sure that my party maintains the majority. I did that in 24, and I'll do it again, and we've got a lot more to run on now than we did last time. So I'm, I'm bullish.

[Interview continues with unrelated legislative matters]

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