

APPENDIX VII: DEFENDANTS POLITICAL ASSERTIONS MAP AND STATISTICS

HOUSE SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON

EXHIBIT A-1: Johnson Criminal Conspiracy Confessions July 22, 2025

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶5: "given the, uh, the Democrats, um, endless efforts to politicize the, uh, the Epstein controversy"
- ¶9: "We are not going to let them use this as a political battering ramp... We refuse to do. Is participate in another one of the Democrats' political games"
- ¶10: "Why do I call it a charade? Because the Democrats are trying to play Gotcha politics right now"
- ¶11: "They don't have any moral high ground on this at all. They controlled the Department of Justice for the last four years"
- ¶12: "They've tweeted about Epstein countless times in the last two weeks. But go back and look at their social media accounts... They had exactly zero posts on the subject for the last four years"
- ¶13: "putting an end to the Democrat sideshows"
- ¶14: "we're done being lectured on transparency by the same party that orchestrated one of the most shameless, dangerous political coverups"
- ¶15-19: Extended political attack on Biden's mental decline
- ¶38: "Thomas Massey could have brought his discharge petition anytime over the last four and a half years... It's interesting to me that he chose the election of, of President Trump to bring this to team up with the Democrats"

EXHIBIT A-2: Johnson Constitutional Impossibility Interview

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶4: "I think the Democrats are working really hard to make that the public perception, but it's not true"
- ¶17: "if you're so concerned, why didn't you bring your discharge petition at any time in the last four years?... Neither of those guys said a word about it. Thomas Massey is suggesting that this is, uh, some sort of watershed moment... He waited until President Trump was elected to bring this"
- ¶18: "Hypocritical" / "Seems that way to me"

EXHIBIT A-3: Johnson FOX News Executive Coordination Evidence

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶1: "false headline in the New York Times... that's an outright lie"
- ¶5: "Republicans are preventing Democrats from making a mockery of the rules committee process because we refuse to engage in their political charade"
- ¶6: "The way Democrats have tried to weaponize this issue is absolutely shameless. And I just wanna say this. Democrats said nothing and did nothing, absolutely nothing about bringing transparency for the entire four years of the Biden presidency"
- ¶7: "We will not be lectured on transparency by the same party that orchestrated one of the most shameless. Dangerous political coverups in the history of the United States"
- ¶24: "There's no fear... We're not gonna allow the Democrats to use this as a political culture... they had four years... They could have brought a discharge petition at any point in the last four years. They chose not to. They waited until President Trump was elected"

EXHIBIT A-4: Johnson Meet the Press Executive Coordination Admission

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶4: "the Democrats are trying to use this in a shameless manner for political purposes. Quite obviously, they hijack the rules committee and they tried to turn it into an Epstein hearing... they did not do it during the Biden administration and that's an important point"
- ¶5: "Conna and Massey could have brought their discharge petition a day earlier... or as noted earlier, anytime over the last four years, they did not do it during the Biden administration"

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

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶2: "we've been intellectually consistent about this whole thing"
- References to "MAGA base people, MAGA Republicans" and "small group of government officials" as political framing

EXHIBIT A-14: Johnson KSDK Coordination Evidence July 16, 2025

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶1: "I have been, um, misquoted and misrepresented on all of that"

- Political framing of transparency as trust in "the American people" and "the president does as well"

EXHIBIT A-23: Mike Johnson Claims Rule Committee Debacle July 18, 2025

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶1: "because the Democrats were trying to politicize this... they kept trying to hijack that and, and derail it and turn it into Epstein hearings"
- ¶2: "They were wrongfully tarred and feathered by people who did not understand what was happening and said that they were covering up"

EXHIBIT A-24: Mike Johnson Post Epstein Victim Meeting 090225

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶18: "the reason that I was not comfortable with that and, and still am not comfortable with the discharge petition is because it was inartfully drafted"
- ¶22: "I think the petition itself is effectively a moot point now"
- ¶34: "I, I, I think that's obvious nonsense"

EXHIBIT A-25: Mike Johnson States Trump was Epstein FBI Informant 090525

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶2: "What Trump is referring to is the hoax that the Democrats are using to try to attack him... It's been misrepresented"
- ¶4: "What he's talking about is the Democrats who are doing this with impure motives. If they cared so much about this, why didn't they do something?"
- ¶5: "During the four years of the Biden administration... they're creating a hoax, just like they did with the Russian dossier, because they think it's gonna, uh, somehow be mud thrown on him"
- ¶6: "he has no culpability in this thing at all. The president has clean hands"
- ¶8: "he's being, uh, falsely accused and maligned... That's what he's talking about when he says the hoax"

EXHIBIT A-26: Mike Johnson Walks Back Trump FBI Informant Claim 090825

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶2: "I don't know if I use the right terminology, but that's common knowledge and everybody knows that. So this is much a do about nothing"

EXHIBIT A-27: Mike Johnson Backs off Trump Informant Claim 090925

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶3: "I don't know if I used the right word. I said FBI, informant. I'm not sure I wasn't there. this isnt my lane. I'm just repeating what is common knowledge"
- ¶4: "President Trump was never a hindrance to the Epstein investigation. He was trying to assist"

EXHIBIT A-28: Speaker Mike Johnson Gives Charlie Kirk Speech 091525

Political/Religious Opinion Justifications:

- ¶6-25: Entire speech justifying political worldview through religious and patriotic rhetoric rather than legal authority
- ¶16: "he could cling the fuck of anybody in a debate"
- ¶19: "advancing and preserving the free marketplace of ideas"

EXHIBIT A-35: Mike Johnson Discusses Free Speech Post Bondi's Remarks Sept 16, 2025

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶2-3: "We defended religious freedom... We do not censor and silence disfavored viewpoints. People in America are allowed to say crazy things" (*Personal constitutional philosophy, not legal authority*)
- ¶4: "if I'm an employer or I'm a government agency and I have someone in my employee who is online celebrating... I can make the decision that they don't deserve to work for me... I have every right to do that. And I think that's appropriate" (*Personal opinion - "I think that's appropriate"*)
- ¶5: "I don't think it's a violation of court principles... for people to... have appropriate measures taken when they act like crazy people online" (*Personal opinion - "I don't think," no legal citations*)
- ¶6: "That's not... something that Congress is involved in" (*Jurisdictional deflection*)
- ¶7: "I think all of that is intellectually consistent and will continue to defend it" (*Personal opinion - "I think"*)
- ¶8: "The president has been called the most despicable names by people on the left for a long, long time" (*Political opposition justification*)
- ¶9-10: Extended personal philosophy about Charlie Kirk and policy debates (*Personal views, not legal authority*)

REOCCURRING PATTERN: ZERO LEGAL AUTHORITY

Every single justification across all exhibits falls into these categories:

1. **Democrats' Political Motivations** (most frequent)
2. **Timing Criticism** ("why didn't they do this before")
3. **Personal Opinions** ("obvious nonsense," "misrepresented")

4. **Religious/Patriotic Rhetoric** (Exhibit A-28)
5. **"Common Knowledge" Claims** (no legal citations)

Constitutional Impossibility: Not one paragraph cites constitutional authority, federal statute, legal precedent, or legitimate governmental power. Every justification is pure political opinion enforcement under color of law.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

EXHIBIT A-5: Trump Criminal Associate Protection Admission August 1, 2025

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶6: "the files were run by some very bad people and very sick people like Comey and, uh, Lisa, the whole group, you know, all those people in that office, they ran those files for four years"
- ¶8: "unless they're stupid, which to a certain extent they are stupid"
- ¶10: "they are, uh, not geniuses, but you know, they're evil. A lot of evil people"

EXHIBIT A-6: Trump Victim Testimony Authentication FOX July 29, 2025

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶7: "NBC. NBC Fake news. Okay. NBC'S one of the worst"
- ¶18: "And by the way, she had no complaints about us, as you know, none whatsoever" (personal opinion/deflection)

EXHIBIT A-7: Trump Cabinet Meeting Deflection July 9, 2025

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶3: "Are you still talking about Jeffrey Epstein? This guy's been talked about for years"
- ¶5: "are people still talking about this guy, this creep That is unbelievable. Do you wanna waste the time"
- ¶7: "I can't believe you're asking a question on Epstein at a time like this, where we're. Having some of the greatest success... It just seems, uh, like a desecration"

EXHIBIT A-8: Trump Implausible Cover Story Documentation

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶2: "that's such old history. Uh, very easy to explain, but I don't wanna waste your time by explaining it"
- ¶2: "I'm glad I did. If you wanted know the truth" (personal opinion)

EXHIBIT A-9: Trump 2006 Recorded Youth Targeting Admissions

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶4: "I interviewed her anyway 'cause she was so pretty"
- ¶6: "that's like a death wish for me. Right? That's like an alcoholic... this would be my form of alcoholism"

EXHIBIT A-10: Trump Maxwell Prison Transfer Response August 5, 2025

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶1: "I didn't know about it at all. No. I read about it just like you did"
- ¶2: "he's a very talented man... very legitimate person, very high... very highly thought of person, respected by everybody"
- ¶3: "whatever he asked would be totally appropriate... not an uncommon thing to do"
- ¶4: "Todd Blanche is one of the most highly respected people you'll ever meet... totally above board"

EXHIBIT A-11: Trump Congressional Seat Entitlement Claims August 5, 2025

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶2: "You notice they go to Illinois for safety, but that's all gerrymandered. Uh, California's gerrymandered. We should have many more seats in Congress in California"
- ¶2: "I got the highest vote in the history of Texas, as you probably know. And, uh, we are entitled to five more seats" (personal opinion with no legal authority)

EXHIBIT A-16: Trump/Vance Hoax Declaration August 7, 2025

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶5: "it's completely fake news. We're not meeting to talk about the Epstein situation, and I think the reporter who reported it needs to get better"
- ¶6: "the whole thing is a hoax. It's put out by the Democrats because we've had the most successful six months in the history of our country, and that's just a way of trying to divert attention to something that's total bullshit"

EXHIBIT A-19: Trump Claims Epstein as a Hoax July 16, 2025

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶1: "big hoax" (interrupting reporter)
- ¶2: "I know it's a hoax. It says started by Democrats. It's been run by the Democrats for four years. You had Christopher Ray and these characters and Comey before him. And, uh. It's a bad group"
- ¶2: "It started actually look at the Steele dossier that turned out to be a total hoax. The 51 agents, the intelligence, so-called intelligence agents. It was a hoax"
- ¶2: "It's perpetrated by the Democrats and some stupid Republicans and foolish Republicans fall into the net, and so they try and do the Democrats work"
- ¶3: "The Democrats are good for nothing other than these oakes. They're bad for policy... I call it the Epstein hoax"
- ¶4: "They're wasting their time with, uh, a guy who obviously had some very serious problems, who died three, four years ago... they want to talk about the, uh, Epstein hoax. And the sad part is it's. People that are really doing the Democrats work. They're stupid people"
- ¶10: "all it is is the Republicans, certain Republicans got duped by the Democrats and they're following a Democrat uh playbook... They're they're started by the Democrats and some Republicans in this case, I was surprised, but uh they got duped"
- ¶18: "I lost because they got duped by the Democrats. The Democrats are good for nothing"
- ¶19-25: Extended political bragging about legislative achievements and economic success

REOCCURRING PATTERN: TRUMP'S POLITICAL DEFLECTION STRATEGY

Trump's justifications fall into these categories:

1. **"Hoax" Claims** - Everything is a "Democratic hoax"
2. **Personal Attacks** - "stupid," "evil," "fake news," "bad people"
3. **Past Democratic Control** - "they ran it for four years"
4. **Achievement Deflection** - "greatest success," "most successful six months"
5. **Time/Relevance** - "such old history," "guy who died years ago"
6. **Personal Opinions** - "I'm glad I did," "totally above board," "very talented"

Constitutional Impossibility: Like Johnson, Trump provides **ZERO legal authority** for any governmental action. Every justification is pure political opinion, personal attacks, or deflection rather than constitutional powers or federal statutory authority.

EXHIBIT A-35: Opinionated Statements made by Trump during Executive Order Signing September 19, 2025:

1. "I think they actually dislike our country greatly"
2. "but I think you could very well end up with a closed"
3. "I think that I think so, but I"
4. "and I think it was a very good talk"
5. "and I think China wanted to see it stay open too"

6. "I think I set records"
7. "I think these people are crazy"
8. "I think we won by so much it wouldn't have mattered"
9. "I think that's really illegal"
10. "I think it's very sad but I"
11. "I think that reporting has to be at least"
12. "I think, but actually we settled seven wars"
13. "I think it's just terrible"
14. "and I think they're looking at that"
15. "I don't think they'll be anything like"
16. "I think Brendan Carr is an incredible"
17. "I think that's I think that's dishonesty"
18. "I think that's I think that's dishonesty"
19. "I think Brendan Carr is a courageous person"
20. "I think Brendan Carr doesn't like to see"
21. "Well, I think the people decide"
22. "I don't think that's right"
23. "So I think Brendan Carr is a great American patriot"
24. "I think that nobody has ever done anywhere near that"
25. "and I think he's going to work with us to help"
26. "that I think you could really say babies were involved"
27. "and I think you're going to see some things that are amazing"
28. "I think we maybe have the reason why"
29. "and I think it's going to be tremendously successful"
30. "We think it's going to be very successful"
31. "And I think it's going to be on board with this"
32. "I think they're going to be very happy"
33. "I think Sean, you agree with that?"
34. "and I think it's going to be a fantastic thing"
35. "I think I got elected largely for that reason"

THE 97% NEGATIVE COVERAGE CORRELATION

Trump's complaint: "the networks were 97% against me... And if they're 97% against, they give me only bad publicity"
Mathematical Reality: When defendants provide:

0% Constitutional Authority 0% Federal Statutory Citations 0% Legal Precedent References 100% Political
Opinion/Deflection

Then accurate reporting would necessarily be 97% negative because there's nothing legally legitimate to report positively about. The Constitutional Impossibility: Trump complains about negative coverage while simultaneously providing zero legal justifications for his actions. Media accurately reporting conduct lacking legal authority appears "negative" only because the conduct itself violates legal standards.

This explains the pattern:

Defendants abandon legal authority for political enforcement Media accurately reports the lack of legal justification
Defendants attack media for accurate reporting This creates circular justification for suppressing media criticism

ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI

EXHIBIT A-12: Bondi Criminal Associate Protection Statement Nov 22, 2024

Legal Authority Statement (Pre-Appointment):

- ¶1: "If people in that report are still fighting to keep their names private, Sean, they have no legal basis to do so unless they're a child, a victim, or a cooperating defendant" (*This is actually correct legal analysis - showing competence before coordination*)

EXHIBIT A-15: Vance Transparency Statement July 28, 2025

Political Opposition Justifications:

- ¶3: "For four years under Joe Biden's Department of Justice, the media didn't give a damn about the Epstein files... for literally 20 years the story about this scumbag"
- ¶3: "for 20 years, you had Obama and George w Bush's Department of Justice go easy on this guy. They didn't fully investigate the case"
- ¶3: "If you want to criticize the people who aren't showing full transparency, you ought to go after the administrations. That went easy on Jeffrey Epstein"
- ¶4: "Donald J. Trump. I'm telling you, he's got nothing to hide. His administration has got nothing to hide, and that's why he's been an advocate for full transparency"

EXHIBIT A-17: Bondi Redaction Discussion February 27, 2025

Political Opinion Justifications:

- ¶2: "Donald Trump is the most transparent president in our nation's history"
- ¶2: "Not only will America get the full Epstein files, they will get JFK, they will get Martin Luther King" (*Personal political opinion, not legal authority*)

EXHIBIT A-18: Duffy Transportation Committee Testimony July 16, 2025

Political Deflection Justifications:

- ¶7: "I don't know. I don't know all the data on it"
- ¶11: "I gotta leave that to Pam Bondi and Cash Patel"
- ¶35: "believe in Pam Bondi Cash Patel and Dan Bonino"
- ¶35: "I think the right has probably been more vocal than the left on this issue. Maybe equally"
- ¶41: "It's outta my space" (*Reoccurring deflection rather than legal analysis*)

EXHIBIT A-34: Bondi Exclaims She will Target Hate Speech Sept 15, 2025

Constitutional Violation Through Political Opinion:

- ¶1: "There's free speech and then there's hate speech and there is no place especially now especially after what happened to Charlie in our society"
- ¶3: "We will absolutely target you, go after you if you are targeting anyone with hate speech, anything"
- ¶7: "we are going to fight every step of the way to show that you will face the most severe consequences if you come after someone and you target someone for their political views or for any for any reason at all"

REOCCURRING PATTERN: COORDINATED POLITICAL ENFORCEMENT WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY

Johnson's Pattern:

- Political opposition to Democrats (most frequent)
- Personal opinions ("I think," "obvious nonsense")
- Deflection ("not my lane," "intellectually consistent")
- **Zero constitutional or statutory citations**

Trump's Pattern:

- "Democratic hoax" claims
- Personal attacks ("fake news," "stupid," "evil")
- Achievement deflection ("greatest success")
- **Zero constitutional or statutory citations**

Bondi's Pattern:

- Pre-appointment legal competence → Post-appointment political rhetoric
- Threats to criminalize political speech
- Personal loyalty assertions ("most transparent president")
- **Zero constitutional or statutory citations**

Vance's Pattern:

- Reoccurring deflection to past administrations
- Political loyalty assertions ("nothing to hide")

- Personal attacks ("scumbag," "didn't give a damn")
- **Zero constitutional or statutory citations**

Duffy's Pattern:

- Claims of ignorance ("I don't know")
- Authority delegation ("leave that to others")
- Jurisdictional denial ("outta my space")
- **Zero constitutional or statutory citations**

CONSTITUTIONAL IMPOSSIBILITY ACROSS ALL DEFENDANTS

The smoking gun pattern: Every defendant across all exhibits provides **ZERO constitutional or statutory authority** for their actions. Instead, they offer:

1. **Political Opposition** (Johnson: Democrats' games; Trump: Democratic hoax; Vance: Biden/Obama failures)
2. **Personal Opinions** (Trump: "I'm glad I did"; Bondi: "most transparent president"; Duffy: "believe in")
3. **Deflection/Ignorance** (Johnson: "not my lane"; Duffy: "I don't know"; Trump: "such old history")
4. **Unconstitutional Threats** (Bondi: criminalizing political speech; Trump: "entitled to seats")

This proves coordinated ultra vires political enforcement under color of law - using governmental authority to enforce political preferences rather than legal obligations, violating the fundamental constitutional principle that executive power extends only to faithful execution of laws, not enforcement of political opinions.