



Mainstream Media and the Subversion of Democracy Recent Revelations Add to Media Shame

The failure of mainstream media to report the news objectively sows distrust within the American public. The media's collusion with the Democratic Party, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden and foreign governments inflicts even greater damage by subverting democracy itself.

Public trust in the media erodes when journalists and broadcasters are revealed to be promoting false narratives. The Russia Hoax—presidential candidate Donald Trump's alleged collusion with Russia in the 2016 election—proved to be a false narrative promoted by Clinton minions. Later as president, Trump was impeached for allegedly trying to involve Ukraine in the 2020 election. This charge arose when President Trump was accused of calling Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to demand that Hunter Biden's business dealings in the country be investigated.

Mainstream media harped on the fake news day after day. Meanwhile, nearly unknown to the public is a more interesting true story. *Instead of Trump colluding with Russia, we now know that the Ukrainian government, spurred on by Democratic operatives, improperly interfered with the 2016 presidential campaign in hopes of having Hillary Clinton elected.*

As reported by Real Clear Investigations, officials in the Obama administration leaned on Ukrainian officials to announce an investigation into Paul Manafort, who had joined the Trump presidential campaign in 2016, instead of Hunter Biden's Ukraine business dealings.¹ Ukrainian officials thought that Hillary Clinton as president would be more beneficial to their goals than Trump. By taking Manafort down, they hoped to bring down Trump. Democratic Party operative Alexandra Chalupa, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) media team and U.S. officials encouraged Ukrainian government officials to denounce Manafort and Trump.

For example, the day after the Trump campaign announced that it had hired Manafort, Chalupa and DNC media operatives hatched a plan to have then Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko make an on-camera denunciation of Manafort and feed the footage to ABC News, where former Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos worked as a top anchor. By the summer of 2016, Ukrainian officials were openly mocking Trump and

supporting Hillary Clinton. For the most part, the mainstream media continue to ignore this story.

It is a cosmic irony that the appalling Russian invasion of Ukraine, which Ukrainian officials so feared would happen during the Trump administration, has instead occurred during the Biden administration, whose Secretary of State alarmed Vladimir Putin last year by supporting Ukraine's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Russia Hoax is only one example of the mainstream media doing the bidding of the Democratic Party. Other examples of the media (and Big Tech) serving partisan interests include the news blackout on Hunter Biden's abandoned computer, and the censorship of alternative scientific opinion on the Covid-19 pandemic.

Why are mainstream media so willing to collude with governmental power? Any answer should begin with an understanding that there exists a revolving door between journalists and government positions. These mainstream journalists do not challenge establishment power, because they are integral to the power structure. Their role has been to spin the news, suppress alternative news and denounce opponents.

Ukraine's Role in the Russia Hoax

To understand the depth of mainstream media complicity, we can begin with Ukraine, long before Russia's recent invasion.

In March Real Clear Investigations released evidence revealing that coordination between Ukraine and the Democratic Party goes back to 2014. In that year, Vice President Joe Biden undertook to undermine then Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and install Petro Poroshenko as president. There is no doubt that Yanukovich was corrupt, but corruption was not the real issue: He was seen as too tight with Russia's dictator Putin. Top Obama diplomats, many of whom are now in the Biden administration, helped launch a successful campaign to bring Yanukovich down. *Many of these same officials who sought regime change in Ukraine became involved in a campaign in 2015 to undermine Donald Trump's bid for the*

U.S. presidency. At every juncture, mainstream media proved complicit in these efforts.

The story is a complicated one. At the center is Alexandra Chalupa, a Ukrainian-American Democratic Party operative. She played a critical role in both Ukrainian regime change and the anti-Trump project. Chalupa joined forces with State Department official Victoria Nuland, former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt, and journalists such as Yahoo News reporter Michael Isikoff and reporters for the *New York Times* and *The Hill*.

The Central Intelligence Agency analyst Eric Ciaramella set up meetings in 2015 with Ukrainian officials and National Security Council advisers to allege that Trump campaign adviser Paul Manafort was working as a pro-Putin agent. Ciaramella later came to the attention of the larger public when it was disclosed that he was the anonymous “whistleblower” who asserted that President Trump had asked Ukrainian President Zelensky to investigate Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden’s business dealings in Ukraine, as well as the Clinton campaign’s connection with Ukraine. This led to Trump’s first impeachment.

U.S. Special Counsel John Durham is reportedly looking into the Ukrainian dealings as part of his broader inquiry into the Russia Hoax. In the meantime, Real Clear Investigations’ lengthy March 10 report sheds light on the Obama administration’s project of regime change in Ukraine and subsequent efforts to undermine Trump.² Details drawn from that report follow below.

Push for Ukraine Regime Change

In early 2014, then Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland was given the go-ahead by Vice President Biden, who had been assigned to Ukrainian affairs, to push out the pro-Russian Ukraine President Yanukovich. Nuland remained in contact with Chalupa throughout this period.

Nuland traveled to Kiev to organize street protests against Yanukovich. She set up multiple meetings between Ukraine experts and the National Security Council for the purpose of ousting Yanukovich and issuing sanctions against Putin’s government. At the same time, the now notorious British former intelligence agent Christopher Steele sent Nuland 120 reports from the spring of 2014 to early 2016 focusing on Ukraine, Russia and Trump.

Chalupa shifted into high gear when Trump announced he was seeking the Republican presidential nomination. At this point, Chalupa began feeding allegations to the *Washington Post*, *New York Times* and CNN about Trump’s dealings with Russia. She specifically targeted Paul Manafort, a Washington wheeler-dealer who had signed on to the Trump campaign and had been working as a lobbyist for the Ukrainian government. She said later, “I spent many, many hours working on background, connecting [reporters] to contacts and sources and giving them information.”³ She joined Yahoo News correspondent Michael

Isikoff for hours of brainstorming on ways to attack Trump through Manafort.

Chalupa visited the Obama White House at least 27 times in this period. Obama administration officials pressed Ukrainian counterparts to investigate Manafort, while National Security Council staff told Ukrainian officials to stop investigating Hunter Biden. Chalupa met with Ukrainian Embassy officials to orchestrate a campaign of digging up dirt on Manafort shortly after he joined the Trump campaign. Isikoff at Yahoo News contributed a hit piece on Manafort and Trump. The Clinton campaign scored more success when Fusion GPS, which had been hired for the Clinton campaign through the campaign’s law firm Perkins Coie, provided the *New York Times* with a fake ledger purporting to show that Manafort had taken kickbacks from pro-Russian Ukrainian officials.

After Trump’s election, Democratic operatives continued to encourage reports by BuzzFeed, the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* that tapes existed proving Trump’s unseemly relationship with Russia, including a video of him in Moscow with a Russian prostitute. (No such tapes ever surfaced.) In the press frenzy and innuendo, the implication was that either Trump was a willing agent of Russia for financial gain or he was being blackmailed by Putin.⁴

As we now know, the whole Russia collusion smear against Trump was never substantiated. It amounted to a massive dirty trick by the Clinton campaign that was wrongly embraced by the FBI and investigated *ad nauseam* by the staff of Special Counsel Robert Mueller, causing enormous distraction to the Trump administration as the media gleefully parroted the smear.

The British magazine *The Economist* concluded that the perpetuation of the Russia Hoax, and the minimal coverage of the indictments obtained by Special Counsel Durham (including the indictment of the Clinton campaign lawyer Michael Sussmann in September 2021 for lying to the FBI about his role in the Russia Hoax), are damning to American journalism. *The Economist’s* editors observed that the unsubstantiated Steele dossier underlying the Russia Hoax was presented by the left-leaning U.S. media as “a highly credible investigation by a highly respected British former spook involving ‘deep cover sources inside Russia’ (in the words of one MSNBC anchor).”⁵

Suppression of Hunter’s Laptop

When Miranda Devine, a *New York Post* columnist, reported on the contents of Hunter Biden’s infamous laptop, her October 2020 column was banned from social media and she came under personal attack from other journalists. She describes her experience in her recently published book, *Laptop From Hell: Hunter Biden, Big Tech, and the Dirty Secrets the President Tried to Hide*. For her, the episode was shocking.

“I always had thought of the American mode [of journalism] as being more protected against pressures to be partisan,” she explained in a podcast. She now believes instead that

newspapers such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* “have so sullied the idea of objectivity that they are now routinely publishing propaganda that service one side of politics.”⁶ These establishment papers were joined by Big Tech, Facebook, Twitter, CNN, Politico and others in refusing to report the contents of Hunter Biden’s computer, which revealed his father Joe’s direct involvement in Chinese, Ukrainian and other corrupt business dealings.

These news and social media outlets suppressed the contents of Hunter Biden’s computer and promoted an open letter signed by 50 former intelligence operatives stating (without evidence) that the files had all the hallmarks of a Russian disinformation operation. Biden used this open letter and Russian disinformation allegation in responding to President Trump’s aggressive challenge in a presidential campaign debate. Biden denied categorically that he was involved in any way with his son’s business dealings and stated that the 50 former intelligence officials had warned that the laptop story was “a Russian plant.” The insinuation was that President Trump was again a tool or willing participant in Russian disinformation.

Hunter Biden’s computer files exposed the depth of avarice within the Biden family as well as how the then vice president used his son Hunter as a bagman for the family. Devine’s book points out that Hunter Biden’s computer drew back the curtain not only from Hunter’s sordid sex and drug addictions but also from “Joe Biden and his 50 years of corruption in the state of Delaware which he then globalized when he became Vice President.”⁷

American mainstream press went along with this suppression of the news and social media censorship because they hated President Trump and wanted Joe Biden elected. It was a sad day for American journalism. Only on March 16 this year—17 months after the original *New York Post* scoop—did the *New York Times* finally admit (in a buried lede) that the laptop was authentic.⁸ Former U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr opined in March television appearances that “candidate Biden lied to the American people about the laptop” and that the media’s censorship of news about Hunter’s laptop “definitely made an impact on the election” in November 2020.

Censorship of Covid-19 Dissent

A similar story can be told about social media and press suppression of medical dissent to the established Covid-19 narrative. This narrative, shamelessly pushed by the U.S. public health agencies with the help of the media, held that the virus was natural, transmitted from animals to humans, not produced in a Chinese laboratory. To suggest otherwise was labeled misinformation.

Thanks to the dogged efforts of a few truth-seeking non-mainstream media reporters, evidence has surfaced that the U.S. public health agency heads promoted the natural-origin theory and squelched dissenting voices, likely in an attempt to cover their tracks for having funded gain-of-function research

on bat coronaviruses in Wuhan, China, using taxpayer money.⁹ It is possible, though not definitively proven, that Covid-19 resulted from reckless research funded by the U.S. government.

As Covid-19 spread, the press and social media promoted lockdowns, masks and vaccines as necessary and mocked promising therapies not backed by the all-powerful Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984. Those who questioned the efficacy and safety of the vaccines were censored. Highly credentialed medical experts who called for more and better therapeutic treatment were dismissed by the press as benighted “anti-vaxxers.” In October 2021, Project Veritas released leaked internal documents from Facebook showing the establishment of a complex censorship program to curb “vaccine hesitancy.”¹⁰ Facebook sought to control so-called “anti-vaxxer” content even before it reached Facebook users.

Public’s Mistrust of Media

Little wonder that Americans distrust the media. A recent Gallup poll shows that only 24 percent of Americans trust TV anchors.¹¹ Journalists do not fare much better, with only 26 percent. Local news is more trusted, but Americans are getting less local news as 1,800 newspapers have closed since 2004.

As local newspapers have collapsed or face declining subscriptions, Americans have become more reliant on television or social media news. Television and social media news is segmented. Television networks and cable news outlets cater increasingly to niche audiences, a trend that intensifies the partisan divide.

A partisan divide is apparent between those who trust or distrust the news. A poll by Pew Research shows that nearly 8 in 10 Democrats say they have a lot of or some trust in the national media. Republicans overwhelmingly distrust the news. Only 35 percent of Republicans say that they have *some* trust in the news. Only 7 percent of U.S. adults—no matter their party affiliation—say they have a “great deal” of trust and confidence in the accuracy and objectivity of the news.

The decline of trust in mainstream or so-called “legacy” media is especially pronounced for the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, National Public Radio and CBS. In a major tracking index, trust in these news outlets fell a whopping 7 percent in a one-month period from the end of December 2021 to the end of January 2022.¹²

For many, journalists are not fact-finders, but simply defenders of the liberal elite.¹³ This perspective is reinforced by the revolving door of journalists and Big Tech executives going in and out of government or work for the Democratic Party. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki held several senior roles in the Obama administration before she became a CNN contributor. When Biden was elected she left her CNN gig to oversee the confirmations group for the Biden-Harris transition team.¹⁴

Biden loaded up on Big Tech personnel from Apple, Google, Twitter and Amazon in his transition team and administration. These companies were involved in banning President Trump from Twitter, removing Facebook's alternative Parler from the Amazon app store, and other anti-Trump efforts. Typical was Cynthia Hogan, Apple's top lobbyist, who served full time on Biden's transition team. She played a key role in vetting candidates for top positions in the Biden administration. Biden drew heavily from executives from Facebook, Amazon and Google in forming his administration.¹⁵

Of course, Republicans have their own revolving door of journalists and executives in and out of government. The difference is that Republican appointees were not involved in censoring the previous administration on Facebook, Twitter or other social media sites.

The complicity of mainstream media in perpetuating partisan distorted news should be a wakeup call for those concerned with the survival of American democracy. Democracy is subverted when the public realizes that the press is lying to it about the government. This distrust spills over to all aspects of public confidence in elected officials, the press and the very institutions of democracy.

Conservatives of a certain age learned long ago to shift their news consumption to more reliable right-of-center outlets and avoid supporting left-wing sources. New generations must learn the same lesson. The public needs to demand that the media do its job fairly and objectively if American democracy is to endure.

¹ Paul Sperry, "Ukraine Worked with Democrats Against Trump in Election 2016 to Stop Putin. That Bet Backfired Badly," <https://www.realclearinvestigations.com>, March 10 2022.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ <https://www.buzzsprout.com/958231/10223287-nyt-reporter-cia-nsa-sources-involved-with-trump-pee-tape-leftist-sh-t-at-the-times>; <https://apnews.com/article/europe-russia-donald-trump-campaigns-indictments-ceebd1c49b6b6fda70e22028725e955>; <https://www.christianpost.com/news/watchdog-rips-medias-dismissive-coverage-of-durham-bombshell.html>. Paul Manafort was eventually convicted of and pleaded guilty to various federal crimes and was pardoned by Trump. The anti-Trump environment within the *New York Times* is captured in a recent Project Veritas tape with foreign correspondent Matthew Rosenberg; Christopher Hutton, "Project Veritas: NYT Reporter Dismisses Colleagues' Claims of Trauma from January 6," *Washington Times*, March 10, 2022.

⁵ <https://www.economist.com/united-states/john-durham-indictments-reflect-poorly-on-the-american-media/21806220>.

⁶ <https://thefederalist.com/author/ellenreynolds/page/3/>.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ <https://nypost.com/2022/03/17/the-times-finally-admits-hunter-bidens-laptop-is-real/>.

⁹ See, e.g., Nicholas Wade, "Emails reveal scientists suspected Covid leaked from Wuhan lab—then quickly censored themselves," *New York Post*, January 24, 2022.

¹⁰ <https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/facebook-whistleblower-documents-detail-deep-look-facebook-rcna3580>.

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¹² Ibid.

¹³ <https://www.cnsnews.com/blog/craig-bannister/legacy-media-pros-overwhelmingly-distrust-social-media-news-americans-say-they>.

¹⁴ <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-e&q=Biden+WH+Communication+Team+Raises+Questions+over+Revolving+door+with+liberal+networks>.

¹⁵ Biden hired David Recordon, former developer for Facebook, as director of technology for the White House's Office of Management and Administration. Austin Lin, also from Facebook, serves as Recordon's deputy. Jeff Zients, a Facebook board member, became Biden's Covid-19 czar. Biden brought in Tom Sullivan and Mark Schwartz, executives at Amazon, to review candidates for the Department of State and the Office of Management and Administration. Deon Scott from Google was selected to review candidates for the Department of Homeland Security. Three Facebook executives—Zaid Zaid, Rachel Lieber and Christopher Upperman—were selected to advise on nominations to the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Small Business Administration.

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