



TO: Interested Parties  
FR: Future Majority  
RE: Memo: Release the Mueller Report so Congress can do its job  
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The Mueller investigation has concluded, and a Trump-appointed Republican Attorney General has summarized the report in a four-page letter. Before the public can see the full report, the president and his allies in the conservative media are working hard to frame this situation to their political advantage.

But here are three facts to consider:

- 37 indictments or guilty pleas, almost 200 criminal charges and five prison sentences (Source: Axios), including Trump's lawyer, campaign chairman, deputy campaign manager, top operative, White House National Security Advisor and top Russian operators. And while we still don't know what Mueller saw, **we do know that Trump, members of his family and his campaign apparatus repeatedly lied to the American people about their interactions with people with ties to the Russian government.**
- **The Russian government attacked our election, and Trump has done nothing to stop it from happening again in 2020.** In fact, HR1 – the strongest anti-corruption legislation since Watergate - goes a long way toward stopping the next attack, but Mitch McConnell won't allow a vote and Trump has promised a veto even if it did pass the Senate.
- **Trump's appointed Attorney General exonerated him from obstruction of justice. Mueller didn't. Congress didn't either.** Barr made clear early on that he was opposed to the obstruction investigation, so it is fair to question whether his commitment to the rule of law is influenced by his loyalty to the president.

There are still so many questions we don't have answers to, and perhaps the most important is what do the Russian's have on Trump?

**The Barr letter stiff-armed this critical question by saying it could only be "collusion" or "conspiracy" if it was the Russian Government. Note to the Justice Department: This is NOT how the Russians operate.**

If Trump:

- 1) had released his tax returns,
- 2) and others around him hadn't lied so often (including to the American public about having ongoing negotiations for a Trump Tower Moscow),
- 3) hadn't tried through both words and actions to shut down investigations into his dealings with Russia,
- 4) hadn't had secret meetings with Putin on multiple occasions,
- 5) hadn't tried to prevent sanctions from being carried out on Russia/Russians,
- 6) hadn't taken the word of Putin over the word of all US and Allied intel agencies about interference in the election,



then we wouldn't have to wonder about whether the Russian government has leverage on our President. **But we do have to wonder, because Trump has done all those things.**

**And the American people deserve to have more information about whether their President is beholden to a hostile foreign power or not.**

But as we wait – and demand -- to get more information, here are two things we know for sure:

First, America, we are better than this. **Release the full Mueller report so that congress can do its job and the American people can judge for themselves.**

And second, nobody will save this great country except us.

To do that, Democrats better get tough and fast. Mayor Bloomberg is right that it is time to stop apologizing for everything and take the battle to Trump and the Republicans in 2020. And here's how we do that.

- 1) **Democrats must lead on pocketbook issues.** Lowering drug costs is a perfect example. Voters are crying out for help. Just saying you will not take corporate PAC money is not good enough anymore. We need to pass a law every day to lower costs. Take a page out of the GOP playbook. Make Trump and McConnell pick sides.
- 2) **Strong Democracy is the centerpiece of reform.** HR1 ([link to bill](#)) is a great starting point. If Democrats prove they are willing to clean up the swamp then voters will reward them with their vote. This needs to become a national campaign against McConnell and the obstructionist Senate.
- 3) **Work on higher wages and better jobs for the American people.** By investing in people, we will win. Check out our Smart Capitalism ([link](#)) piece on how we can do just that and win.

We must work together. Donald Trump will be doing everything he can to tear us apart. We can't help him do it. There will be disagreements along the way, but we must not lose sight of what is at stake. And even as we keep our eye on the ball, we must push back hard on dangerous Republican attempts to use this moment to go after their political enemies.

Democrats won on a "For the People" agenda in 2018, earning 9 million more votes than the Republicans. In 2016, Hillary got 3 million more votes than Trump. We know what we're up against. We know what we're fighting for. And we know we've got the numbers to win.

Democrats, as responsible stewards of our democracy, should do both things simultaneously and in proper measure: **fight for truth, justice and national security and lead on pocketbook issues and electoral reforms.** Both are of critical importance to the American people, and both can lead us to victory in 2020.