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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

COMMISSION COMPLAINT NUMBER 2021-13

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH L. MICHAUD

UNDER SEAL

**FINAL SUBMISSION TO THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT UPON AGREED FACTS
BY THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
AND THE HONORABLE JOSEPH L. MICHAUD
PURSUANT TO M.G.L. C. 211C AND COMMISSION RULE 13A
ON COMMISSION COMPLAINT NUMBER 2021-13**

The Commission on Judicial Conduct (“the Commission”), acting pursuant to Commission on Judicial Conduct Rule 13A, and the Honorable Joseph L. Michaud (“Judge Michaud”), Justice of the Southeastern Division of the Housing Court Department (“Housing Court”), hereby submit this Agreement for Final Submission to the Supreme Judicial Court upon Agreed Facts.

A. Rule 13A(1)(a) Waiver

Judge Michaud, by signing this Agreement, hereby waives his right to a Formal Hearing.

B. Rule 13A(1)(b) Stipulation of Facts

Judge Michaud and the Commission hereby stipulate that the following facts, including the contents of the referenced appendices, are true and accurate:

1. Judge Michaud was appointed as a Justice of the Massachusetts Housing Court in 2018. He has served in that capacity from the time of his appointment to present. Judge Michaud has no history of discipline with the Commission.
2. Prior to his 2018 appointment, and until approximately November 15, 2020, Judge Michaud maintained a personal Facebook account. Judge Michaud's Facebook profile identified him as "Joe Michaud" and included his picture but did not reference his judicial status.
3. On or about November 15, 2020, Judge Michaud deleted his Facebook account.
4. Prior to the deletion of his Facebook account, the content posted by Judge Michaud to his Facebook page was publicly visible beyond individuals that were Facebook "friends" with Judge Michaud, contrary to Judge Michaud's belief that the content was only visible to his Facebook "friends."

Some of the content posted to Judge Michaud's Facebook page from approximately October 6, 2020 through approximately November 14, 2020, the final four weeks preceding Election Day on November 3, 2020, and the ten or eleven days that followed, included posts by Judge Michaud that shared politically-oriented news articles, opinion editorials, and memes. All of the content and comments in these posts either directly or indirectly related to political figures, political issues, and/or were concerning politicized current events; and at least nine of the posts were made during court hours.

Judge Michaud posted to Facebook, as follows:

a. Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

On October 6, 2020, at an undefined time, Judge Michaud posted a web link to a *Fox News* article, "*DNI declassifies Brennan notes, CIA memo on Hillary Clinton 'stirring up' scandal between Trump, Russia,*" to his Facebook page. A photograph from that article, which was included with Judge Michaud's post, was of the former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), John Brennan.

The *Fox News* article that the judge shared in this post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix A) was published online on that same date, October 6, 2020. The article reported on recently declassified documents that purportedly revealed that former CIA Director Brennan had briefed former President Obama (D) on a plan of then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton (D) "to tie then-candidate Donald Trump to Russia as 'a means of distracting

the public from her use of a private email server’ ahead of the 2016 presidential election...”

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Amazing abuse of power. This is Banana Republic level of behavior. Using Government intelligence and law enforcement resources against a political opponent. Makes Watergate look like child’s play. Wonder if the Main Stream media will even report this.”

From the interactive user data visible in this screenshot, this post had been “shared” eight times and included twenty-six “comments.” Twenty-six users had left an “impression”¹ to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix B.)

b. Friday, October 9, 2020.

On October 9, 2020, at an undefined time, Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *Fox News* article, “*Ohio’s Franklin County sees nearly 50k voters getting wrong absentee ballots, election officials say,*” to his Facebook page. A photograph from that article, which was included with Judge Michaud’s post, was of U.S. Postal workers loading mail into mail trucks.

The *Fox News* article shared in this post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix C) was published online on that same date, October 9, 2020. As the title suggests, the article reported on nearly 50,000 incorrect absentee ballots being sent to voters in Franklin County, Ohio for the 2020 Presidential Election.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Nothing to see here folks move along. What a joke! I’d laugh but this is a swing state and could be critical in the upcoming election. Like we’ve said from the beginning Vote by Mail is fraught with mistakes and fraud.”

This post had been shared sixteen times and included five comments. Twenty-one users had left an “impression” to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix D.)

¹ A user can leave an “impression” to a post in the form a “like” or “dislike” and/or some other emotion or communication in the form of an emoji (a small digital image or icon used to an express an idea, emotion, etc.).

c. Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

On October 13, 2020, at an undefined time, Judge Michaud posted a screenshot of the *Fox News Channel's* broadcast of the Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett's hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee to his Facebook page. In the screenshot, Justice Barrett is being questioned by U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono (D).

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

"Time for the 'Crazie Mazie' show!! To a battle of wits she came unarmed."

[The screenshot of this post did not capture the interactive user data.]

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix E.)

d. Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

On October 14, 2020, at an undefined time, Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *Fox News* article, "*Facebook and Twitter reducing distribution of New York Post Hunter Biden story*," to his Facebook page. The photograph from that article, which was included in Judge Michaud's post, was of Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

The *Fox News* article shared in this post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix F) was published online on that same date, October 14, 2020. As the title suggests, the article reported on the actions Facebook and Twitter had taken to prevent the distribution of a *New York Post* article on those platforms, until that story could be fact-checked.

The *New York Post* article at issue reported on a purported email between President Biden's son, Hunter Biden, and an advisor to a Ukrainian energy company. The email indicated there had been a 2015 meeting between the Ukrainian businessman and then-Vice President Biden, contrary to recent public statements by then-candidate for President Biden.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

"Hmmm I wonder why?"

This post had been shared five times and included ten comments. Twenty-eight users had left an impression to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix G.)

e. Thursday, October 15, 2020.

On October 15, 2020, at an undefined time, Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *New York Post* article titled, “*Smoking-gun email reveals how Hunter Biden introduced Ukrainian businessman to VP dad,*”² to his Facebook page.

The web link Judge Michaud posted included a photograph/image of the front page of the October 14, 2020 print edition of the *New York Post*. The front page of that edition of the *New York Post* included a picture of then-candidate Biden and Hunter Biden with the headline, “*Biden Secret Emails.*”

The *New York Post* article shared in Judge Michaud’s post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix H) was published online on October 14, 2020. As the title suggests, the article reported on a purported email between President Biden’s son, Hunter Biden, and an advisor to a Ukrainian energy company. The email indicated there had been a 2015 meeting between the Ukrainian businessman and then-Vice President Biden, contrary to recent public statements by then-candidate Biden.

The article also reported that this alleged meeting took place less than one year before Vice President Biden, in his official capacity, pressured Ukrainian government officials to fire a prosecutor that had allegedly intended to investigate a company of which Hunter Biden was a paid board member.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Not to be redundant but doesn’t this cause at least some degree of concern with my friends on the other side of the aisle?”

The post had been shared twice and included twenty-two comments. Twenty-two users had left an impression to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix I.)

f. Comments to October 15, 2020 Facebook post (Appendix I).

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 15, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and others posted/commented, as follows:

² This is the *New York Post* article that, as described above, both Facebook and Twitter tried to reduce the distribution of through social media, until it could be fact-checked.

Brownie Mackie: Apparently not. (cause concern on the other side of the aisle).

Joe Michaud: Apparently Hunter was giving half of what he “earned” to Pop? If so Hunter isn’t a Biden he a bagman.

Dan Gallagher: Joe Michaud where did you hear that, in a trump retreat? Loved the one Bin Laden still alive. For a guy who says he is wicked smart he sure says I don’t know a lot when questioned.

Joe Michaud: Dan Gallagher it was a quote from the Hunter email to his daughter. It was in the laptop that boob left in with a repair shop and never went back to reclaim. After copying and giving the emails etc...to the FBI the IT guy thought after a year that the FBI was sitting on it so he gave all the info to Rudy and ultimately to the NY Post and that’s how it came out. Biden campaign has not denied the content which implicates Biden getting money through Hunter from the Chinese and Ukrainians. Good to know

Michael Foley: Imagine what will be under reported or ignored by the Big State Media once he’s president? Everyone will go back to sleep and anyone challenging the narrative will be called a [additional text not visible].

(Screenshots (2) of these posts/comments are attached as Appendix J.)

g. Friday, October 16, 2020.

On Friday, October 16, 2020, at an undefined time, Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *Fox News* article, “*More than 100 undelivered absentee ballots found in Kentucky dumpster,*” to his Facebook page. The photograph/image from that article, which was included in Judge Michaud’s post, was a partial image of an “Official Mail-in Ballot.”

The *Fox News* article shared by Judge Michaud in this post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix K) was published online on the same date,

October 16, 2020. As the title suggests, the article reported on the discovery of 112 absentee ballots in a dumpster located in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Sure voting by mail is safer and fraud free!”

This post had been shared three times, and ten users had left an impression to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix L.)

h. Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 3:22 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 3:22 p.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud re-posted on his Facebook page a “meme”³ that had been posted on October 7, 2020 by another Facebook user, Tracy George. The meme was an image of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D) with the following caption:

“You pay her \$223,500 a year plus expenses but she stopped you from getting \$1,200 for crisis assistance...3 times in one week!!! Let that sink in.”

Judge Michaud’s re-post of this meme had been shared eight times and included eight comments. Twenty-seven users had left an impression to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix M.)

i. Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 12:26 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 12:26 p.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud re-posted on his Facebook page a meme that had been posted on October 20, 2020 by another Facebook user, Joy Wilson. The meme was an image of then-candidate Biden and Hunter Biden, with the following caption:

“When the law no longer protects you from the corrupt, but protects the corrupt from you—you know your nation is doomed.”—Ayn Rand

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Ayn Rand is right on so many fronts.”

³ A “meme” is a digital image combined with text shared online, generally for comedic or satirical purposes.

[The screenshot of this Facebook post did not capture the interactive user data.]

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix N.)

j. Comments to Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (12:26 p.m.) Facebook post (Appendix N).

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 21, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and others posted/commented, as follows:

Barbara Parent: Yep. Don’t care. Trump is worse

Kat Ann: Barbara Parent are you daft?

Joe Michaud: That’s what is so scary. That so many people are ignoring Biden’s demonstrated corruption and traitorous behavior because OrangeManBad.

Joe Michaud: And no Barbara Parent is not daft. She is a very bright and beautiful person. Please refrain from pejorative personal terms.

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix O.)

k. Additional Comments to the Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (12:26 p.m.) Facebook post (Appendix N).

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 21, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and others posted/commented, as follows:

Joe Michaud: Dan Gallagher right but we have actual evidence to support our argument other than OrangeManBad

Dan Gallagher: Joe Michaud what evidence? The Republicans found nothing. How many of Trump’s stooges are in jail? How many did he pardon? Trump university, ripping off charity, how many times being sued? I could go on.

Joe Michaud: Dan Gallagher Hunters laptop and emails say it all brother. Trump most investigated President in history and after 3 years of Russian Collusion Delusion we have Biden actually taking kickbacks from China and Ukraine. The irony [additional text not visible].

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix P.)

l. Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 2:19 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 2:19 p.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud posted the web link to an article from *The Washington Examiner* titled, “Two key polls show Biden tumbling and Trump rising, 49%-46%,” to his Facebook page. The photograph from that article, which was included with Judge Michaud’s post, was of then-President Trump and then-candidate Biden.

The Washington Examiner article that Judge Michaud shared in his post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix Q) was published online on that same date, October 21, 2020. As the title suggests, the article reported on recent polling data that suggested the presidential race was closer than prior polls had suggested. It reported that then-candidate Biden might not have as large a polling lead as had been previously believed.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“The wind is changing...VOTE!!”

This post had been shared twice and included twelve comments. Thirty-one users left an impression on this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix R.)

m. Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 9:34 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 9:34 p.m., Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *Fox News* article titled, “Laptop connected to Hunter Biden linked to FBI money laundering probe,” to his Facebook page. The photograph/image from that article, which was included with Judge Michaud’s post, was of Hunter Biden, a map of Ukraine, and of the Ukrainian national flag.

The *Fox News* article Judge Michaud shared in his post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix S) was published online on the same date, October

21, 2020. The article reported on the subpoena of a laptop and hard drive by the FBI that purportedly belonged to Hunter Biden. The article explained that the laptop was subpoenaed by the FBI in connection with a money laundering investigation in late 2019. The article also further discussed/reported on purported emails that tied then-candidate Biden to financial deals with businesses in Ukraine and China.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Uh oh! Drip drip drip. Who would have thought that Biden and Hunter were tied to an international money laundering investigation? Obviously more Russian disinformation lol!”

This post had been shared five times and included twenty comments. Twenty-eight users left an impression on this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix T.)

n. Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

On Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *Boston Herald* article titled, “*Ballot blunder’s in the mail from NJ*,” to his Facebook page. There was no photo or image included with this link.

The *Boston Herald* article Judge Michaud shared in his post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix U) was published online on the same date, October 21, 2020. The actual title of the article was “*New Jersey sends mail-in ballot to Massachusetts watchdog*.” The article reported on a mail-in voting form intended for registered New Jersey voters that was sent in error to a Massachusetts resident, who had not resided in New Jersey since 2006. The article’s reporting also indicated that the error was not an isolated incident.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Sure Voting by mail is trusted right? No potential for fraud here.”

There were no comments or shares of this post, but five users had left an impression to the post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix V.)

o. Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 10:39 a.m.

On Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 10:39 a.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *Fox News* article titled, “*Hunter Biden business partner calls email ‘genuine,’ says Hunter sought dad’s advice on deals,*” to his Facebook page. The photograph from that article, which Judge Michaud included with his post, was of then-candidate Biden and Hunter Biden with both a United States flag and a China flag in the backdrop.

The *Fox News* article Judge Michaud shared in his post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix W) was published online on that same date, October 22, 2020. The article reported on an interview with a business partner of Hunter Biden. From the report, that business partner alleged that then-candidate Biden had discussed his business dealings with Hunter, contrary to public statements by candidate Biden. The business partner also asserted the legitimacy of an email that purportedly tied the Bidens to a financial deal with a Chinese energy company.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Drip drip drip for the ‘Big Guy’”

This post had been shared four times and included twenty-two comments. Twenty-two users had left an impression on this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix X.)

p. Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 12:35 p.m.

On Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 12:35 p.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *Power Line Blog*⁵ article titled, “*The Biden Influence Empire is Unraveling,*” to his Facebook page. The photograph from that article, which Judge Michaud included with his post, was of then-candidate Biden’s profile.

The article Judge Michaud shared with his post (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix Y) was posted online on that same date, October 22, 2020. The article described news reports on *Fox News* relating to “the Biden family’s dealings with the Chinese Communists.” The article also quoted an excerpt from an unidentified *Fox News* article. The unidentified *Fox News* article reported on alleged emails of a former, imprisoned business associate of the Bidens. The *Fox News* article was described as revealing the identities

⁴ In the email at issue in this article, “Joe Biden” was never identified by name, but the email includes a reference to the “Big Guy,” which was reported to be a veiled reference to then-Vice President Biden.

⁵ This is an online news blog, with the following web address: www.powerlineblog.com.

of a number of high-ranking Democratic leaders that were considered “key domestic contacts” for a Chinese energy company that had a financial deal with the Bidens.

The article also quoted another unidentified⁶ *Fox News* article that reported on an interview with a business partner of Hunter Biden’s who, during that interview, alleged that then-candidate Biden had discussed his business dealings with Hunter, contrary to public statements by then-candidate Biden. The business partner also asserted the legitimacy of an email that allegedly tied the Bidens to a financial deal with a Chinese energy company.

Judge Michaud also commented on his post and wrote:

“Check out the list of key domestic contacts for China. A who’s who of senior Democrats in government. Not good folks.”

This post had been shared eight times and included nine comments. Twenty users had left an impression on this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix Z.)

q. Comments to the Thursday, October 22, 2020 (12:35 p.m.) Facebook post (Appendix Z).

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 22, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and another posted/commented, as follows:

Florentina Kitchen: Our Country is so “f”d up!

Joe Michaud: Florentina Kitchen hopefully this is the beginning of the clean up. But yes in some areas you’re absolutely correct.

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix AA.)

r. Additional Comments to the Thursday, October 22, 2020 (12:35 p.m.) Facebook post (Appendix Z).

⁶ The unidentified article was a *Fox News* article published on October 20, 2020 titled, “*Hunter Biden business partner calls email ‘genuine,’ says Hunter sought dad’s advice on deals*” that had been shared in a prior post by Judge Michaud.

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 22, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and others posted/commented, as follows:

Brownie MacKie: Joe Michaud I agree!

Joe Michaud: Brownie MacKie you would Love Florentina Kitchen! She one of the nicest people I know and a true Texan at heart!

Florentina Kitchen: Joe Michaud aww shucks....[smiley face/blushing emoji]

Michelle Goddard: Omg...and long list of others involved

Julie O’Hanley: <https://www.politico.com/news/trump-2020-presidential-election>⁷

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix BB.)

s. Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 11:26 p.m.

On Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 11:26 p.m., Judge Michaud posted a meme of former President Barack Obama to his Facebook page. This meme depicted President Obama as a construction worker standing with his arms crossed in front of an overcrowded immigrant detention area. The detention area was enclosed with a chain-linked fence. The meme included the caption:

“Who built the cages, Joe?”

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“That was a very good moment for the President.”⁸

⁷ This link is for a news article from *POLITICO* titled, “*Trump aides flock to Cheney challenger’s campaign*,” published on September 10, 2021. This article reported on political advisors of then-President Trump joining the campaign of a Republican challenger to the re-election campaign of U.S. Representative Liz Cheney (R) of Wyoming, and of then-President Trump’s endorsement of that challenger. Representative Cheney was one of ten House Republicans to vote for President Trump’s impeachment during his first impeachment trial.

⁸ On the night of this post, the final presidential debate was held at *Belmont University* in Nashville, Tennessee. During that debate, then-President Trump rhetorically posed a question to then-candidate Biden, “Who built the cages, Joe?”, when the topic of immigration and border detention policies was being debated.

This post had been shared twenty-one times and included twenty-five comments. Seventy-three users had left an impression to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix CC.)

t. Comments to the Thursday, October 22, 2020 (11:26 p.m.) Facebook post (Appendix CC).

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 22, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and others posted/commented, as follows:

<i>Sharon Rainville:</i>	<i>Take 41 minutes to watch this!</i> <u>https://youtu.be/JRmicEBAils</u> ⁹
<i>Mike Staples:</i>	<i>They’ve had instances of the same child has come across several times with different (parents).</i>
<i>Linda Gagnon Andrade:</i>	<i>Yup</i>
<i>Helene Lauzier:</i>	<i>They know their kids will be taken care of us again...don’t forget many children were kidnapped crossing the boarder</i>

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix DD.)

u. Additional Comments to the Thursday, October 22, 2020 (11:26 p.m.) Facebook post (Appendix CC).

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 22, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and others posted/commented, as follows:

<i>Dan Gallagher:</i> ¹⁰	<i>It’s not a cage, no top. The children came to America without their parents. Still Trump didn’t</i>
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⁹ This is a link to a forty-one minute long video titled, “*RIDING THE DRAGON; The Bidens’ Chinese Secrets. (Full Documentary)*.” The description of the video provides, as follows: “Uncover Joe Biden’s and his family’s secret relationship with China and the sinister business deals that enriched the Biden family at America’s expense.”

¹⁰ The name is not visible in the screenshot, but in context, it appears that this comment was made by “Dan Gallagher.”

answer the question AGAIN! 550 separated from their parents & he can't find them.

Judith Lavoie: Dan Gallagher "but they are well taken care of". I read an article months back and those kids are being victimized.

Joe Michaud: Are the parents looking for the children? Can't believe any parents that cared wouldn't be actively looking for their kids by contacting Border Authorities and asking. Are these people stupid? I wouldn't stop looking and I would start with the Obama cages first[.]

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix EE.)

v. Additional Comments to the Thursday, October 22, 2020 (11:26 p.m.) Facebook post (Appendix CC).

Judge Michaud and another posted or commented in the "comment section" of Judge Michaud's above-described October 22, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and another posted/commented, as follows:

John J. Gushue:¹¹ [Additional text not visible] and teens in such cages. At least 6 have died. They are concentration camps, just like the WWII internment camps. Obama is not running for office today, Trump is. Trump (and Stephen Miller, Jeff Session, Rod Rosenstein) filled these cages with children separated from their parents and didn't bot [additional text not visible].

Joe Michaud: John J. Gushue why would it be awful? The liberal left has been attacking President Trump for putting people in cages at the border when in fact it was Obama Administration who started that particular practice. We just want to correct the accusation to ensure that those actually responsible get the credit due.

¹¹ The name is not visible in the screenshot, but in context, it appears that this comment was made by "John J. Gushue."

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix FF.)

w. Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 9:21 a.m.

On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 9:21 a.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud posted the web link to an opinion editorial from the *Wall Street Journal* titled, “*Saving Private Biden*,” to his Facebook page. The photograph from that article, which was included in Judge Michaud’s post, was of a crowd of people standing in front of a large image of then-candidate Biden on a television screen.

That *Wall Street Journal* opinion editorial (a copy of this editorial is attached as Appendix GG) was published online on the prior day, October 26, 2020. In this editorial, the author alleged that the mainstream media were biased in favor of then-candidate Biden and against then-President Trump. The editorial commented and opined on this alleged bias.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“And folks wonder why the Main stream press is held in such low regard by most Americans. There was a time when some semblance of impartiality existed but after watching the last 5 years it’s clear they are simply a propaganda arm of the Democratic Party and its leftist agenda. The have beco [additional text not visible]”

Judge Michaud’s post had been shared five times and included eighteen comments. Sixty-one users had left an impression to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix HH.)

x. Comments to the Tuesday, October 27, 2020 (9:21 a.m.) Facebook post (Appendix HH).

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 27, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and others posted/commented, as follows:

*Joe Michaud:*¹² [Additional text not visible] does it pursue truth that does not fit their narrative.

¹² The name is not visible in the screenshot. However, in context, it appears that this comment was made by Judge Michaud.

Russ Michaud: **Joe Michaud** too broad of a brush.

Joe Michaud: **Russ Michaud** name one media outlet besides Fox and talk radio that isn't in the bag for Biden. I have looked and I can't.

Scott Avila: **Russ Michaud** Amazing how nobody but Fox had any coverage of [Justice Amy Coney Barrett] being sworn in. Like it's not even news for a 24 hour news station.

Joe Michaud: [Text not visible]

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix II.)

y. Additional Comments to the Tuesday, October 27, 2020 (9:21 a.m.) Facebook post (Appendix HH).

Judge Michaud and another posted or commented in the "comment section" of Judge Michaud's above-described October 27, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and another posted/commented, as follows:

Joe Michaud: **Russ Michaud** true [Justice Amy Coney Barrett] is just the 5th woman ever to serve on the SC. That's a Big Deal! Why no coverage from the leftist state media? They had Crazie Mazie's Hell No!! Rude and juvenile comment but not the swearing in. Should tell you everything you need to know

Corliss Blanchard: **Russ Michaud** an impartial Media is essential, But the current [mainstream media] is more than favoring the Dems and denigrating the Republicans, Conservatives and all who do not support the Democratic Party. They refused to report the Biden story or show the video. They didn't cover the fraudulent part of the Russian Dossier and the names of those that participated in that [additional text not visible].

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix JJ.)

z. Additional Comments to the Tuesday, October 27, 2020 (9:21 a.m.) Facebook post (Appendix HH).

Judge Michaud and others posted or commented in the “comment section” of Judge Michaud’s above-described October 27, 2020 post.

Judge Michaud and others posted/commented, as follows:

[Unknown]: [Additional text not visible] very scary.

Joe Michaud: 92% negative coverage of the President on main stream media.

Scott Avila: You are spot on my friend.

*David Faria: Joe
Well stated and truthful...*

Dorothy Rasmussen: You are absolutely correct and socialism is coming if Biden wins. Most people are unaware of the damage that is being done because they don’t see or hear any of the truth.....only Fox reports the facts and they have been leaning towards the left also

(A screenshot of these posts/comments is attached as Appendix KK.)

aa. Thursday, October 29, [2020] (12:00 pm)

On Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud posted a meme of former President Obama to his Facebook page. In this meme, President Obama was holding a megaphone and speaking to a small gathering of people. The meme included the following two captions:

“A TALE OF TWO CAMPAIGNS”

and

“Why did Obama use a megaphone to speak to a dozen people? [smiley face emoji with laughing tears].”

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“I would say a rather stark difference in enthusiasm and numbers lol!”

The post had forty-eight comments, and nineteen users left an impression.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix LL.)

bb. Monday, November 2, 2020, at 10:38 a.m.

On Monday, November 2, 2020, at 10:38 a.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud posted the web link to an opinion editorial from the *Wall Street Journal* titled, “*Trump Has Torn the Mask Off the Liberal Media,*” to his Facebook page. The photograph from that article, which was included with Judge Michaud’s post, was of then-President Trump speaking to reporters.

That *Wall Street Journal* opinion editorial (a copy of this editorial is attached as Appendix MM) was published on the prior day, November 1, 2020. The author alleged that the mainstream media was biased in favor of liberalism. The editorial also commented and opined on the mainstream media’s “hat[red]” of President Trump, and of President Trump’s effective exposure of those facts to the public during his presidency.

Judge Michaud also commented on his post and wrote:

“Boy does this writer get the leftist media bias right.”

This post had been shared eleven times and included twelve comments. Forty-one users left an impression to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix NN.)

cc. Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 6:33 p.m.

On Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 6:33 p.m., the night of the 2020 Presidential Election, Judge Michaud posted the web link to an opinion editorial from the *Wall Street Journal* titled, “*Woke Universities Lead America to a Primitive State,*” to his Facebook page. The photograph from that article, which was included with Judge Michaud’s post, was of a small group of protestors holding signs and standing in front of a banner in opposition to the re-election of the then-President Trump and then-Vice President Pence.

That *Wall Street Journal* opinion editorial (a copy of this editorial is attached as Appendix OO) was published on November 2, 2020. The author opined that radical-left faculty in higher education have established a political orthodoxy that has led to an intolerant and divisive society.

Judge Michaud commented on this post and wrote:

“Spot on!! The imbalance between Progressive and Conservative perspectives in education is shocking. Well worth reading for a better understanding of what is being shoveled out upon young minds. Explains a

great deal about rioting, social mayhem and frankly rude and spoiled behavior [additional text not visible]”

This post was shared four times and included two comments. Twelve users had left an impression to this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix PP.)

dd. Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 4:26 p.m.

On Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 4:26 p.m., during court hours, Judge Michaud posted the web link to a *Breitbart News* article, “*FNC’s Carlson: Despite Media Dismissal of Voter Fraud Claims, Dead People Voted in the Election,*” to his Facebook page. The photograph from that article, which was included with Judge Michaud’s post, was of *Fox News* personality, Tucker Carlson.

The *Breitbart News* article posted by Judge Michaud (a copy of this article is attached as Appendix QQ) was published online on November 12, 2020. The article reported on Tucker Carlson’s monologue from the *Fox New Channel*’s show, “*Tucker Carlson Tonight.*” The article included a transcript of that monologue and a link to the video of that episode of the show.

In his monologue, Tucker Carlson alleged that the 2020 Presidential elections were unfair, as was the election process. He cited examples of deceased persons who allegedly voted in the 2020 Presidential Election and expressed his belief that other news outlets had engaged in deceitful and untruthful coverage of voter fraud. He also alleged that Democratic leaders had orchestrated the unfair voting process to the benefit of their party.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“Tucker sums up why we need to end mail in voting to ensure our elections are accurate counts of LIVING registered voters. Great read the [sic] pulls together why this election is such a mess and who benefits by it.”

This post was shared once and included seven comments. Seven users left an impression on this post.

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix RR.)

ee. Saturday, November 14, 2020, at 6:39 p.m.

On Saturday, November 14, 2020, at 6:39 p.m., Judge Michaud posted to his Facebook page a photograph of a sock worn by an unidentified individual. The sock depicted an image of Donald Trump with faux hair sewn in.

Judge Michaud also commented on this post and wrote:

“If the present situation isn’t changed by the court we will have a new President. Congratulations to the President-elect. It should be noted that despite the issues with the results there is no rioting in the streets, no “Resistance” movement beyond normal opposition being formed, no threats or intimidation, [additional text not visible].”

[The screenshot of this post did not capture the interactive user data.]

(A screenshot of this post is attached as Appendix SS.)

C. Rule 13A(1)(c) Code of Judicial Conduct

The Commission alleges, and Judge Michaud agrees, that, through the conduct described in the above stipulation of facts, Judge Michaud has engaged in judicial misconduct that brought the judicial office into disrepute, that was prejudicial to the administration of justice, and that was unbecoming of a judicial officer, in violation of M.G.L. c. 211C, sec. 2(5)(d), and that he has violated the Code of Judicial Conduct (Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:09) for failing to act, at all times, in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and/or impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Rule 1.2; for conveying, or permitting others to convey, the impression that any person or organization was in a position to influence him, in violation of Rule 2.4(C); for failing to refrain from participating in activities that are reasonably likely to lead to his recurrent disqualification, in violation of Rule 3.1(B); for failing to refrain from participating in an extrajudicial activity that would appear to a reasonable person to undermine his independence, integrity, or impartiality, in violation of Rule 3.1(C); and for publicly endorsing or opposing candidates for public office, in violation of Rule 4.1(A)(3).

D. Rule 13A(1)(d) Recommendations for Discipline/Disposition

1. The Commission respectfully recommends to the Supreme Judicial Court that the following is the appropriate disposition/sanction for Judge Michaud’s misconduct:
 - a. *Public reprimand, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 211C, sec. 8(4)(e).*
 - b. *An Order that Judge Michaud not seek to identify, retaliate against, or influence any person who has or who he believes has cooperated with the Commission in the investigation of his judicial conduct.*

- c. *An Order permitting the Commission to notify the Chief Justice of the Housing Court and the Chief Justice of the Trial Court with written notice of the disposition/sanction ordered by the Court.*
- d. *“[A]ny other sanction which is reasonable and lawful,” pursuant to M.G.L. c. 211C, sec. 8(4)(h), and which the Court deems appropriate.*
- e. *An Order granting the Commission permission to issue a press release regarding any public discipline or sanction the Court may order in connection with this matter and/or permission to issue the following press release on the next business day following the effective date of the Court’s Order deciding the final disposition of this matter:*

On [DATE OF ORDER], by the attached Order, the Supreme Judicial Court has publicly reprimanded Housing Court Judge Joseph L. Michaud for violating the Massachusetts Code of Judicial Conduct (SJC Rule 3:09, “the Code”) and for engaging in conduct unbecoming a judicial officer that brought the judiciary into disrepute, in violation of M.G.L. c. 211C, sec. 2(5)(d).

Judge Michaud has been disciplined for engaging in social media activity with his now-deleted Facebook account that amounted to improper political activity by a judge and/or that created an appearance that he might be biased against parties based on their political affiliation, gender, ethnicity, or immigration status.

On dates leading to and following the November 3, 2020 Presidential election, Judge Michaud made numerous public-facing Facebook posts and/or comments relating to the political election cycle and various political issues.

Judge Michaud’s social media activity included posts of news articles, memes, and comments that repeatedly expressed support for the Republican candidate for President and/or in support of the Republican Party’s political positions. Judge Michaud’s activity also included posts of news articles, memes, and comments denigrating toward or in opposition to the Democratic candidate for President, other elected Democratic leaders, and the Democratic Party’s political positions.

Through the above conduct, Judge Michaud failed to act, at all times, in a manner that promoted public confidence in the independence, integrity, and/or impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Rule 1.2; conveyed, or permitted others to convey, the impression that any person or organization

was in a position to influence him, in violation of Rule 2.4(C); failed to refrain from participating in activities that are reasonably likely to lead to his recurrent disqualification, in violation of Rule 3.1(B); failed to refrain from participating in an extrajudicial activity that would appear to a reasonable person to undermine his independence, integrity, or impartiality, in violation of Rule 3.1(C); and publicly endorsed or opposed candidates for public office, in violation of Rule 4.1(A)(3).

The Commission's statute and Rules are available on the Commission's website: www.mass.gov/cjc.

2. As a fair sanction for his violations of the above-referenced Canons and/or Rules of the Code of Judicial Conduct, Judge Michaud respectfully recommends to the Supreme Judicial Court that the following is the appropriate disposition for his misconduct:
 - a. *Private reprimand, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 211C, sec. 8(4)(e).*
 - b. *An Order permitting the Commission to notify the Chief Justice of the Housing Court and the Chief Justice of the Trial Court with written notice of the disposition/sanction ordered by the Court.*
 - c. *A requirement Judge Michaud report to the Chief Justice of the Housing Court every six months as to any postings or comments he has made on any social media platform.*
 - d. *An Order prohibiting the Commission or its staff of members from any public comment concerning this matter or its resolution.*

E. Rule 13A(1)(e) Agreement of the Commission and the Judge

The Commission and Judge Michaud agree that the Supreme Judicial Court may accept or reject the recommendations of either the Commission or the Judge, or the Supreme Judicial Court may impose whatever discipline it deems appropriate.

F. Rule 13A(1)(f) Acknowledgement by the Commission and the Judge

The Commission and Judge Michaud acknowledge that the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court will constitute the final disposition of this case.

G. Rule 13A(1)(g) Waiver of Confidentiality

Judge Michaud, by signing this Agreement, waives any confidentiality rights that would preclude submission of this matter to, or disclosure of this matter by, the Supreme Judicial Court, including the items to be submitted as specified herein, and the Supreme Judicial Court's disposition of this case.

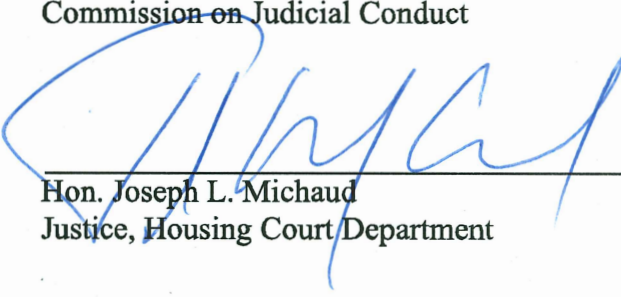
H. Rule 13A(2) Submission Under Seal

The Commission and Judge Michaud agree that this submission shall be filed under seal with the Supreme Judicial Court and shall include this submission (including Appendices A - SS, referenced above), a copy of Commission Complaint Number 2021-13; and a copy of a letter from Judge Michaud to the Commission, dated August 25, 2021 (attached as Exhibit 1).

Respectfully Submitted,

By: 

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Commission on Judicial Conduct


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Dated: August 30, 2022

**COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT
COMPLAINT NUMBER
2021-13**

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(Pursuant to February 3, 2023 Order
of the Supreme Judicial Court)

Letter Opinion of the Committee on Judicial Ethics

CJE Opinion No. 2021-01

Duty to Report Perceived Judicial Misconduct

You have sought guidance from the Committee on Judicial Ethics (CJE) regarding what actions you must take upon observing that a sitting Massachusetts judge's Facebook activity appears to violate the Massachusetts Code of Judicial Conduct (Code). For the reasons explained below, we advise that you are required to report the observed conduct in accordance with Rule 2.15(A).

1. Background.¹ Around the time of the 2020 presidential election, while engaging with your personal Facebook profile and various suggested links and prompts that it generated, you viewed the personal Facebook profile of a person you recognized as a sitting Massachusetts judge. You are not Facebook “friends” with this judge, but were able to view the judge's profile, an indication that it is publicly accessible. You observed that this profile identified the judge by name and included a photograph of the judge but did not refer to the judge's judicial status. You described the judge's Facebook profile as containing posts regarding the 2020 presidential election, posts regarding media coverage and bias, links to articles about politics, internet memes regarding politics, expressions of political opinions, and exchanges about politics with those who commented on the judge's Facebook profile or posts.

Having observed what you believed to be a violation of the Code, you contacted the Chair of the CJE, who preliminarily advised that you should report your observations to the Chief Justice of the court on which the judge sits. You have informed us that you followed this advice and supplied that Chief Justice with screenshots of some of the posts and messages. You subsequently contacted the CJE, inquiring whether the Code obligates you to take any additional action in response to the judge's Facebook profile. At the CJE's request, you supplied the screenshots for the CJE to review.

The screenshots show a number of posts and messages on the judge's Facebook profile between September 9, 2020, and November 14, 2020. They include:

- Expressions of support for one of the major party candidates for president;
- References and links to negative coverage of the opposing major party's candidate;
- Statements that the opposing party's candidate and his family are “corrupt”;
- Posts ridiculing and demeaning two female politicians of the opposing party;
- Derogatory comments about immigrant parents who were separated from their children at the southern border;
- Complaints about media bias in election reporting; and

¹ This opinion relies on facts and materials you have provided to the Committee on Judicial Ethics. We have not undertaken an independent investigation of this information. If material facts have been omitted or misrepresented, this opinion is without force and effect.

- Ten days after the election, a statement that the election was a “mess” along with a link to commentary by a media personality claiming that the election was fundamentally unfair, compromised by alleged voting irregularities, and manipulated for the political benefit of the opposing party.

2. Discussion. As we have explained on several occasions, while judges in Massachusetts are not prohibited from using social media, a judge who uses social media must proceed with caution to avoid running afoul of the judge’s obligations under the Code. See CJE Opinion No. 2016-01, modified by CJE Opinion No. 2018-03 (Facebook); CJE Opinion No. 2016-08 (LinkedIn); CJE Opinion No. 2016-09 (Twitter). These obligations include “the obligations to uphold and promote the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary; promote public confidence in the judiciary; avoid both impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in one’s professional and personal life; maintain the dignity of judicial office; avoid abuse of the prestige of the judicial office; refrain from political activity; and conduct all personal and extrajudicial activities to minimize the risk of conflict with the obligations of judicial office.” CJE Opinion No. 2016-09. When engaging with social media, a judge remains bound by these obligations whether or not the judge’s judicial status is disclosed. As we have stated previously, “[i]t is reasonable to assume that a judge’s Facebook friends will be aware of the judge’s judicial office, and the Code governs a judge’s personal as well as professional life.” CJE Opinion No. 2016-01. Additionally, each judge who uses social media must “be aware that posts a judge-user considers neutral may nonetheless lead a reasonable person to question the judge’s impartiality.” CJE Opinion No. 2016-09.

In this instance, you were concerned that the judge’s use of Facebook was inconsistent with the dictates of the Code. The question before us is what the Code requires you to do in response to your observations.

“Taking action to address known misconduct is part of a judge’s duties.” Rule 2.15, Comment [1]. “Ignoring or denying known misconduct among one’s judicial colleagues . . . undermines a judge’s responsibility to participate in efforts to ensure public respect for the justice system.” *Id.* The actions a judge must take in response vary with both the degree of the judge’s knowledge of the misconduct and the nature of the misconduct.

Rule 2.15(A) addresses circumstances in which a judge has “knowledge^[2] that another judge has committed a violation of [the] Code that raises a substantial question regarding the judge’s honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, or fitness as a judge in other respects” In such circumstances, the observing judge must “inform the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Chief Justice of the court on which the [other] judge sits, and if the [other] judge is a Trial Court judge, the Chief Justice of the Trial Court” of the misconduct. Rule 2.15(A). Mandatory reporting pursuant to Rule 2.15(A) is reserved for “those offenses that an independent judiciary must vigorously endeavor to prevent.” Rule 2.15, Comment [1].

² “Knowledge” is a defined term that means “actual knowledge of the fact in question.” Code, Terminology Section. “A person’s knowledge may be inferred from circumstances.” *Id.*

Rule 2.15(C) addresses circumstances in which a judge has “knowledge of or receiv[ed] credible information indicating a substantial likelihood that another judge has otherwise violated [the] Code” Reasonably understood, Rule 2.15(C) is also triggered when a judge has actual knowledge that another judge has violated the Code, but that violation does not raise a substantial question regarding the judge's honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, or fitness as a judge in other respects. In such circumstances, the observing judge must “take appropriate action.” Rule 2.15(C). “Appropriate action” may include but is not limited to “communicating directly with the [other] judge, reporting to the first justice or regional administrative justice of the court where the violation occurred or where that judge often sits, reporting to the Chief Justice of that judge's court, and/or calling the judicial hotline maintained by Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers.” Rule 2.15, Comment [2].

Without having seen the screenshots, we preliminarily advised you to “take appropriate action” pursuant to Rule 2.15(C) by reporting the matter to the Chief Justice of the judge's court; however, having now seen the screenshots, we conclude that the matter should be reported pursuant to Rule 2.15(A).

The application of Rule 2.15(A) turns on three inquiries: (1) whether you have actual knowledge of the conduct in question or such knowledge may be inferred from circumstances; (2) whether the conduct in question constitutes a violation of the Code; and (3) whether such violation raises a substantial question regarding the judge's honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, or fitness as a judge. On the facts presented, we answer each of these inquiries in the affirmative.

First, you have the requisite knowledge for the purposes of Rule 2.15(A) that the judge engaged in the conduct in question. The Facebook profile identified the judge by name and included a profile photograph of a person whom you recognized as the judge. The conduct in question includes numerous posts and communications that were personal in tone and demonstrated familiarity between the owner of the Facebook profile and others who commented on the posts. From the substance of the Facebook profile, we conclude that you possess the requisite knowledge under Rule 2.15(A) that it was the judge who posted the materials in question to the Facebook profile or, if the materials were posted by someone other than the judge, that the judge permitted the materials to remain on the judge's Facebook profile.

Second, the content on the judge's Facebook profile violates several provisions of the Code that require judges to avoid conduct in their personal and professional lives that creates an appearance of bias. See, e.g., Rule 1.2 (promoting confidence in the judiciary), Rule 2.4 (external influences on judicial conduct), Rule 3.1 (extrajudicial activities in general), Rule 4.1 (political and campaign activities). In particular, Rule 4.1 imposes restrictions on a judge's political activity and prohibits a judge from “engaging in any display in support of or opposition to a political candidate” or organization. Rule 4.1(A); Rule 4.1, Comments [1] & [2]. See also CJE Opinion No. 2016-10 (judge's participation in Women's March on Washington prohibited due to unmistakable political overtones, timing of event, and organizers' desire to “send a message” to newly inaugurated president).

Third, the violations raise a substantial question regarding the judge's fitness as a judge because, by publicly posting and/or tolerating the presence of the materials in question, the judge

failed to act in a manner that upholds the public's confidence in the impartiality of the judiciary and maintains the dignity of judicial office. Independence, fairness, and impartiality are cornerstones of and indispensable to our system of justice. Code, Preamble, Comments [1] & [2]. In order to preserve these principles, the Code places restrictions upon judges that may be viewed as burdensome if applied to other citizens. Rule 1.2, Comment [2]; see also CJE Opinion No. 2016-09. In both their professional and personal lives, judges are bound to “act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary” Rule 1.2; see also Rule 2.4(B) & (C) (a judge “shall not permit family, social, political, financial, or other interests or relationships to influence the judge’s judicial conduct or judgment,” and “shall not convey or permit others to convey the impression that any person or organization is in a position to influence the judge”); Rule 3.1, Comment [2] (“when engaging in any extrajudicial activity, a judge must consider the obligations of judicial office and avoid activities that are reasonably likely to interfere with those obligations”); Rule 4.1, Comment [1] (“public confidence in the judiciary is eroded if judges are perceived to be subject to political influence or give the impression of favoring the interests of a political organization or candidate”). A judge violates this obligation by engaging in “discriminatory actions and expressions of bias or prejudice . . . , even outside the judge's official or judicial actions, [as these] are likely to appear to a reasonable person to call into question the judge's independence, integrity, or impartiality.” Rule 3.1, Comment [3]. The Code provides several examples of offending conduct, including jokes or other remarks that demean individuals based upon characteristics such as their race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, citizenship or immigration status, or political affiliation. *Id.* A judge also violates this obligation by engaging in any public display of support of or opposition to a political candidate. Rule 4.1, Comment [2]. And as we have previously advised, when a judge engages with social media, “[a judge] must avoid posts that individually or as a pattern would lead a reasonable person to conclude [the judge has] a predisposition or bias that calls [the judge’s] impartiality into question.” CJE Opinion No. 2016-09

The Facebook posts at issue here expressed favor for a specific political candidate and for specific political viewpoints; denigrated and demeaned opposing political figures and viewpoints; contained content that gave the appearance of bias based on gender, ethnicity, and immigration status; and promoted a claim that the election had been manipulated for the political benefit of the opposing party. The judge's conduct in posting such materials, regardless of the particular political viewpoints expressed, calls into question the judge’s impartiality and “undermines public confidence in the judiciary,” Rule 1.2, Comment [3], and therefore raises a substantial question regarding the judge's fitness as a judge.

3. Conclusion. You have the requisite knowledge that a sitting Massachusetts judge has acted in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirements of the Code of Judicial Conduct and that raises a substantial question regarding the judge's impartiality and, hence, the judge's fitness as a judge. Therefore, we advise that you should report the judge's conduct in accordance with Rule 2.15(A). As you have already contacted the Chief Justice of the judge's court in accordance with our preliminary advice, we now conclude that you have a duty to make an additional report to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and, if the judge is a Trial Court judge, the Chief Justice of the Trial Court.

APPENDIX A

RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

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DNI declassifies Brennan notes, CIA memo on Hillary Clinton 'stirring up' scandal between Trump, Russia

A source said Brennan's handwritten notes were taken after briefing Obama on the matter



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EXCLUSIVE: Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe on Tuesday declassified documents that revealed former CIA Director John Brennan briefed former President Obama on Hillary Clinton's purported "plan" to tie then candidate Donald Trump to Russia as "a means of distracting the public from her use of a private email server" ahead of the 2016 presidential election, Fox News has learned

Ratcliffe declassified Brennan's handwritten notes which were taken after he briefed Obama on the intelligence the CIA received – and a CIA memo, which revealed that officials referred the matter to the FBI for potential investigative action

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence transmitted the declassified documents to the House and Senate Intelligence Committees on Tuesday afternoon.

"Today, at the direction of President Trump, I declassified additional documents relevant to ongoing Congressional oversight and investigative activities," Ratcliffe said in a statement to Fox News Tuesday.

A source familiar with the documents explained that Brennan's handwritten notes were taken after briefing Obama on the matter

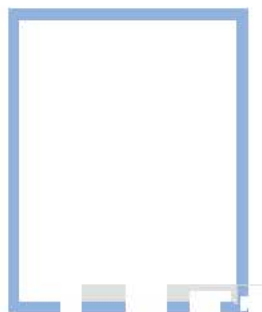
"We're getting additional insight into Russian activities from [REDACTED]," Brennan notes read "CITE [summarizing] alleged approved by Hillary Clinton a proposal from one of her foreign policy advisers to vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by the Russian security service," Brennan's notes read.

The notes state "on 28 of July." In the margin, Brennan writes "POTUS," but that section of the notes is redacted

"Any evidence of collaboration between Trump campaign + Russia," the notes read

The remainder of the notes are redacted, except in the margins, which reads "JC," "Denis," and "Susan." "

The notes don't spell out the full names but "JC" could be referring to then-FBI Director James Comey, "Susan" could refer to National Security Adviser Susan Rice, and "Denis" could refer to Obama chief of staff Denis McDonough.



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The declassification comes after Ratcliffe, last week, shared newly declassified information with the Senate Judiciary Committee which revealed that in September 2016, U.S. intelligence officials forwarded an investigative referral on Hillary Clinton purportedly approving “a plan concerning U S presidential candidate Donald Trump and Russian hackers hampering U.S. elections” in order to distract the public from her email scandal

That referral was sent to Comey and then-Deputy Assistant Director of Counterintelligence Peter Strzok

"The following information is provided for the exclusive use of your bureau for background investigative action or lead purposes as appropriate," the CIA memo to Comey and Strzok stated.

"This memorandum contains sensitive information that could be source revealing. It should be handled with particular attention to compartmentation and need to know. To avoid the possible compromise of the source, any investigative action taken in response to the information below should be coordinated in advance with Chief Counterintelligence Mission Center, Legal," the memo, which was sent to Comey and Strzok, read. "It may not be used in any legal proceeding—including FISA applications—without prior approval."

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"Per FBI verbal request, CIA provides the below examples of information the CROSSFIRE HURRICANE fusion cell has gleaned to date," the memo continued "'An exchange [REDACTED] discussing US presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's approval of a plan concerning US presidential candidate Donald Trump and Russian hackers hampering US elections as a means of distracting the public from her use of a private email server."

The memo is heavily redacted.

COMEY SAYS NEW INFORMATION THAT HILLARY CLINTON DRUMMED UP RUSSIA CONTROVERSY TO VILIFY TRUMP 'DOESN'T RING A BELL'

Ratcliffe informed the committee last week that the Obama administration obtained Russian intelligence in July 2016 with allegations against Clinton, but cautioned that the intelligence community "does not know the accuracy of this allegation or the text to which the Russian intelligence analysis may reflect exaggeration or fabrication."

According to Ratcliffe's letter, the intelligence included the "alleged approval by Hillary Clinton on July 26, 2016, of a proposal from one of her foreign policy advisers to vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by Russian security services."

Nick Merrill, Clinton's spokesperson, called the allegations "baseless b—t."

But Ratcliffe, in a statement released after the information was made public, pushed back on the idea he was advancing "Russian disinformation"

"To be clear, this is not Russian disinformation and has not been assessed as such by the Intelligence Community," Ratcliffe said in a statement to Fox News "I'll be briefing Congress on the sensitive sources and methods by which it was obtained in the coming days."

A source familiar with the documents told Fox News on Tuesday that the allegation was "not disinformation "

"This is not Russian disinformation Even Brennan knew, or he wouldn't be briefing the president of the United States on it," the source said. "There is a high threshold to orally brief the president of the United States and he clearly felt this met that threshold "

Another source familiar with the documents told Fox News that "this information has been sought by hundreds of congressional requests for legitimate oversight purposes and was withheld for political spite and the belief that they'd never get caught "

The source added that the Brennan notes are significant because it is "their own words, written and memorialized in real time."

Meanwhile, last week, during a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Comey was asked whether he received an investigative referral on Clinton from 2016, but he said it didn't "ring any bells."

"You don't remember getting an investigatory lead from the intelligence community? Sept. 7, 2016, U S intelligence officials forwarded an investigative referral to James Comey and Strzok regarding Clinton's approval of a plan [about] Trump...as a means of distraction?" Graham asked Comey.

"That doesn't ring any bells with me," Comey said.

"That's a pretty stunning thing that it doesn't ring a bell," Graham fired back. "You get this inquiry from the intelligence community to look at the Clinton campaign trying to create a distraction, accusing Trump of being a Russian agent or a Russian stooge."

Graham questioned "how far-fetched is that," citing the fact that Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee, through law firm Perkins Coie, hired Fusion GPS and ex British

intelligence officer Christopher Steele to author and compile information for the controversial and unverified anti Trump dossier

The Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee, through law firm Perkins Coie, hired Fusion GPS and ex-British intelligence officer Christopher Steele to author and compile information for the controversial and unverified anti Trump dossier

The dossier contains claims about alleged ties between Donald Trump and Russia that served as the basis for Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrants obtained against former Trump campaign aide Carter Page

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION BRIEFED ON CLAIMS HILLARY CLINTON DRUMMED UP RUSSIA CONTROVERSY TO VILIFY TRUMP, DISTRACT FROM EMAILS

Comey maintained that the referral did not “sound familiar.”

Meanwhile, House Intelligence Committee Ranking Member Devin Nunes, R-Calif., called the information, and potentially forthcoming documents “smoking guns ”

“The documents that are underlying that we now have seen, I have only seen a few of those they’re smoking guns,” Nunes said on “Sunday Morning Futures” this week. “That information definitely needs to be made available to the American public ”

Nunes added that there is “even more underlying evidence that backs up” the information Ratcliffe released, and called the amount of time it took for allies of the president to get the information declassified and made public “mind boggling ”

“This has been a very difficult task for us to get to the bottom of, because you have corrupt officials,” Nunes said.

Attorney General Bill Barr last year appointed U.S. Attorney of Connecticut John Durham to investigate the origins of the FBI’s [Russia probe](#) shortly after special counsel Robert Mueller completed his years-long investigation into whether the campaign colluded with the Russians to influence the 2016 presidential election

It is unclear whether this information will be considered part of Durham's investigation.

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APPENDIX B

 **Joe Michaud**

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Amazing abuse of power. This is Banana Republic level of behavior. Using Government intelligence and law enforcement resources against a political opponent. Makes Watergate look like child's play. Wonder if the Main Stream media will even report this.



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APPENDIX C



Ohio's Franklin County sees nearly 50K voters getting wrong absentee ballots, elections officials say

By Morgan Phillips

Published October 09, 2020

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Nearly 50,000 voters in Franklin County -- Ohio's most populous county -- received incorrect absentee ballots in the mail, elections officials said Friday, revealing a major glitch that appeared to affect one in five ballots the county had sent so far.

Officials promised to have new ballots mailed within three days to the 49,669 voters who received the wrong ones.

"We want to make it clear that every voter who received an inaccurate ballot will receive a corrected ballot," the board said in a news release, according to the Columbus Dispatch.

A list of voters who got the wrong ballot will be posted on the Franklin County Board of Elections website.

Voters affected can wait for their new ballot or show up at the county board of elections during early voting hours to cast an in-person absentee ballot.

OHIO MAIL-IN VOTING: WHAT TO KNOW

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose's office has directed the board to write a letter explaining the error along with the replacement ballots.

"No vote will be counted twice. Every voter will receive an accurate ballot and that ballot will be counted," county Elections Director Ed Leonard said.

If a voter sends in both the replacement ballot and the original faulty ballot, only the replacement will be counted. If a voter only sends the original ballot, only their votes in races they were eligible to vote for will be counted.

The chaos ensued after an unknown person changed the setting on a device that stuffs absentee ballots into envelopes. The mistake, which occurred Saturday afternoon, is thought to be an accident.

TEXAS MAYORAL CANDIDATE ARRESTED FOR MAIL-IN BALLOT FRAUD

"While this process has taken longer than we'd like, we aren't just determining a number. We're determining and identifying each impacted voter," Leonard said during a press conference Thursday.

Ohio is one of a number of states that mails absentee ballot applications to all voters, but unlike other states, it has done so since 2012.

Franklin County already has sent 237,498 absentee ballots to voters who requested them in an election that is expected to have a record number of votes come through the mail.

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Around 1.9 million Ohioans requested an absentee ballot in the state's April primary, prompting an outcry when some were delayed in arriving. That forced some voters to cast their votes in person despite health concerns.

This is a developing story; check back for updates.

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APPENDIX D



November 14, 2020

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**Joe Michaud**

October 9 · 🌐



Nothing to see here folks move along. What a joke! I'd laugh but this is a swing state and could be critical in the upcoming election. Like we've said from the beginning Vote by Mail is fraught with mistakes and fraud.



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Time for the "Crazie Mazie" show!! To a battle of wits she came unarmed.



APPENDIX F

FACEBOOK · Published October 14, 2020

Facebook and Twitter reducing distribution of New York Post Hunter Biden story

Social media site says it will rely on its fact-checking partners to determine the story's legitimacy

By Audrey Conklin , Paul Conner , Nick Givas | FOXBusiness

[Facebook](#) and Twitter limited the distribution of a story in the [New York Post](#) about a purported email between Hunter Biden and an adviser to a Ukrainian energy company.

The 2015 email indicates that Vadym Pozharskyi, an adviser to Burisma, thanked Biden for "giving an opportunity" to meet former Vice President [Joe Biden](#).

The former vice president has previously said he has "never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings."

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Facebook said it would rely on its fact-checking partners to determine the story's legitimacy, but until then, it is taking steps to tamp down on its spread.

"While I will intentionally not link to the New York Post, I want be clear that this story is eligible to be fact checked by Facebook's third-party fact checking partners," Facebook spokesperson Andy Stone [tweeted](#) Wednesday. "In the meantime, we are reducing its distribution on our platform."

Twitter issued a statement about the incident after Fox News reached out about the story, claiming it took action against the article due to the company's "Hacked Materials Policy." Twitter is blocking the post from being shared on its platform.

FACEBOOK REMOVES 790 QANON GROUPS, RESTRICTS OVER 10,000 INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

"In line with our Hacked Materials Policy, as well as our approach to blocking URLs, we are taking action to block any links to or images of the material in question on Twitter," a spokesperson said.

Fox News attempted to send via direct message [the article](#) titled "Smoking-gun email reveals how Hunter Biden introduced Ukrainian businessman to VP dad" to another user multiple times but was continually met with the same error message.

On Wednesday afternoon, NY Post business reporter Noah Manskar said the outlet's official Twitter account had been locked due to the Biden story being sourced from allegedly "hacked" information.

"The Post's primary Twitter account ([@nypost](#)) has also been locked because the Hunter Biden stories violate its rules against 'distribution of hacked material,' per email we received from Twitter," he wrote.

New York Post op-ed editor Sohrab Ahmari criticized the move in a Wednesday tweet, saying, "This is a Big Tech information coup. This is digital civil war. I, an editor at The New York Post, one of the nation's largest papers by circulation, can't post one of our own stories that details corruption by a major-party presidential candidate, Biden."

When asked about the Biden piece in comparison to stories that were allowed to be retweeted and shared regarding the now-debunked Steele Dossier, the big tech giant did not respond.

Republican Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley -- a staunch critic of big tech -- on Wednesday sent a letter to Facebook inquiring about the company's decision.

BIG TECH STAFFERS GAVE NEARLY \$5M TO BIDEN, LESS THAN \$250G TO TRUMP: REPORT

"The seemingly selective nature of this public intervention suggests partiality on the part of Facebook," Hawley wrote in the letter. "And your efforts to suppress the distribution of content revealing potentially unethical activity by a candidate for president raises a number of additional questions, to which I expect responses immediately."

Stone said in a later tweet that reducing distribution of articles that are being examined by fact-checkers is part of the company's "standard process." He also linked to a 2019 Facebook blog post that explains the social media platform's initiative to ensure election integrity and stop election interference.

The blog post states that Facebook and Instagram reduce distribution of misinformation on Facebook News Feed "so fewer people see it."

"In addition to clearer labels, we're also working to take faster action to prevent misinformation from going viral, especially given that quality reporting and fact-checking takes time. In many countries, including in the U.S., if we have signals that a piece of content is false, we temporarily reduce its distribution pending review by a third-party fact-checker," the post reads.

FACEBOOK BANS HOLOCAUST DENIAL, DISTORTION POSTS

Facebook came under intense scrutiny after the 2016 election after reports that revealed Russian troll farms were spreading misinformation or otherwise partisan posts, groups, pages and even public events on the platform ahead of the election in an effort to interfere with U.S. politics.

The website has since put numerous protections and rules in place to help prevent the spread of mis- and disinformation campaigns from foreign operatives and U.S. users alike. Facebook frequently removes users and posts that attempt to interfere with elections around the globe.

HOW DOES CHINA 'INTERFERE' IN THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

The Biden 2020 presidential campaign responded to the Post story on Wednesday, [saying](#) the former vice president "carried out official U.S. policy toward Ukraine and engaged in no wrongdoing," and that "Trump administration officials have attested to these facts under oath."

The Pozharskyi email was obtained by the Post from a computer hard drive left at a Delaware-based tech repair shop.

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Fox News has not yet independently verified all of the materials cited in the Post's Hunter Biden article.

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Hunter Biden introduced his father, then-Vice President Joe Biden, to a top executive at a Ukrainian energy firm less than a year before the elder Biden **pressured government officials in Ukraine** into firing a prosecutor who was investigating the company, according to emails obtained by The Post

The never-before-revealed meeting is mentioned in a message of appreciation that Vadym Pozharskyi, an adviser to the board of Burisma, allegedly sent Hunter Biden on April 17, 2015, about a year after Hunter joined the Burisma board at a reported salary of up to \$50,000 a month.

“Dear Hunter, thank you for inviting me to DC and giving an opportunity to meet your father and spent [sic] some time together. It’s realty [sic] an honor and pleasure,” the email reads.

An earlier email from May 2014 also shows Pozharskyi, reportedly Burisma’s No. 3 exec,

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The blockbuster correspondence — which flies in the face of Joe Biden’s claim that he’s “**never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings**” — is contained in a massive trove of data recovered from a laptop computer

From: Vadym Pozharskyi
<v.pozharskyi.ukraine@gmail.com>
Subject: Meeting for coffee?
Date: April 17, 2015 at 6:00:51 AM PDT
To: Hunter Biden <hbiden@rosemontseneca.com>

Dear Hunter, thank you for inviting me to DC and giving an opportunity to meet your father and spent some time together. It's really an honor and pleasure. As we spoke yesterday evening, would be great to meet today for a quick coffee. What do you think? I could come to you office somewhere around noon or so, before or on my way to airport.
Best ,
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Other material extracted from the computer includes a raunchy, 12-minute video that appears to show Hunter, **who's admitted struggling with addiction problems**, smoking crack while engaged in a sex act with an unidentified woman, as well as numerous other sexually explicit images.

The customer who brought in the water-damaged MacBook Pro for repair never paid for the service or retrieved it or a hard drive on which its contents were stored, according to the shop owner, who said he tried repeatedly to contact the client.

The shop owner couldn't positively identify the customer as Hunter Biden, but said the laptop bore a sticker from the Beau Biden Foundation, named after Hunter's late brother and former Delaware attorney general.

Photos of a Delaware federal subpoena given to The Post show that both the computer and hard drive were seized by the FBI in December, after the shop's owner says he alerted the feds to their existence.



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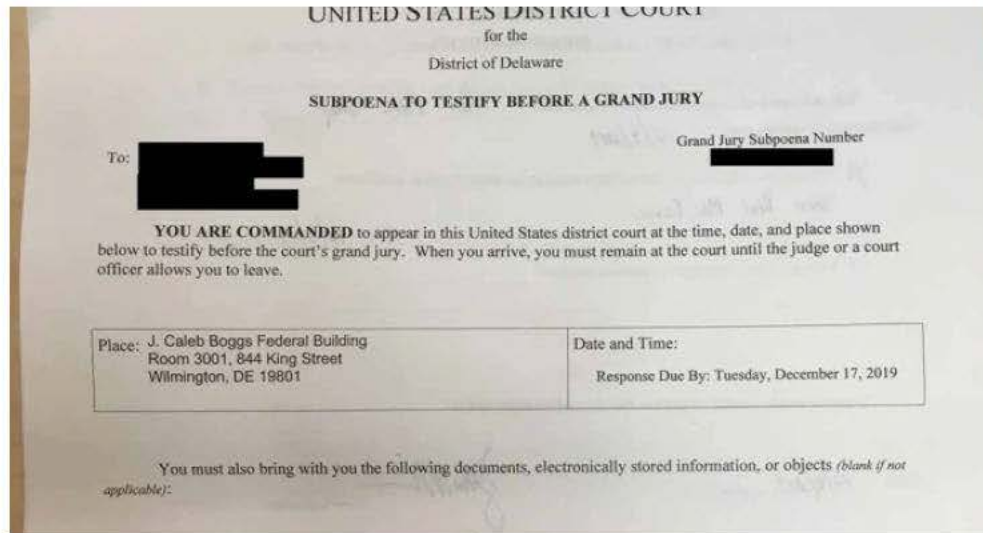
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But before turning over the gear, the shop owner says, he made a copy of the hard drive and later gave it to former Mayor Rudy Giuliani's lawyer, Robert Costello.

Steve Bannon, former adviser to President Trump, told The Post about the existence of the hard drive in late September and Giuliani provided The Post with a copy of it on Sunday

Less than eight months after Pozharskyi thanked Hunter Biden for the introduction to his dad, the then vice president admittedly pressured Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk into getting rid of Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin by threatening to withhold a \$1 billion US loan guarantee during a December 2015 trip to Kiev.

"I looked at them and said: I'm leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money," Biden infamously bragged to the Council on Foreign Relations in 2018.

"Well, son of a bitch. He got fired."

Shokin has said that at the time of his firing, in March 2016, he'd made "specific plans" to investigate Burisma that "included interrogations and other crime-investigation procedures

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company.

The message had the subject line "urgent issue" and was also sent to Hunter Biden's business partner, Devon Archer, who also sat on the Burisma board at the time.

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From: Vadim Pozharskyi v.pozharskyi.ukraine@gmail.com
Subject: urgent issue
Date: May 12, 2014 at 8:29 AM
To: Devon Archer darcher@rosemontcapital.com, Hunter Biden hbiden@rosemontseneca.com

Dear Hunter and Devon,

Following our talks during the visit to the Como Lake and our furth
 I would like to bring the following situation to your attention.

As previously pointed out on a number of occasions, the representa
 authorities in power tend to quite aggressively approach N. Z. unofi
 the aim to obtain cash from him. Initially, it was done by the represe
 Svoboda party and the Ministry of Internal Affairs. These so called
 "communications" would entail blackmailing: in case we don't coop
 provide money in cash the gaz production business of N.Z. would b
 destroyed etc...

It's important to note that Svoboda party is represented in the gover
 General Prosecutor and by Minister of Ecology and Natural Resour
 Ukraine. The last organ together with the State Geological and Sub
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After unsuccessful attempts to receive funds from our side, they prc
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[Email from Vadim Pozharskyi...](#) by [New York Post](#)

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“We urgently need your advice on how you could use your influence to convey a message / signal, etc .to stop what we consider to be politically motivated actions,” he added.



Vadym Pozharskyi and Hunter Biden

Yalta European Strategy / Getty Images

Hunter Biden responded by saying he was with Archer in Doha, Qatar, and asked for more information about “the formal (if any) accusations being made against Burisma.”

“Who is ultimately behind these attacks on the company? Who in the current interim government could put an end to such attacks?” he added.

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“At no time was Hunter in charge of the company’s legal affairs.”

About four months after Hunter Biden’s correspondence with Pozharskyi, Archer forwarded Hunter Biden an email chain with the subject line “tax raise impact on Burisma production,” which included Pozharskyi saying that the Ukrainian cabinet had submitted new tax legislation to the country’s parliament.



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Photos from Hunter Biden's hard drive

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At the time, Hochstein was the State Department's newly appointed special envoy and coordinator for international energy affairs.

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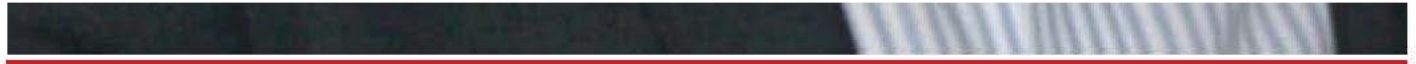
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Devon Archer

Patrick McMullan via Getty Image

In December 2017, the Naftogaz Group, Ukraine's state-owned energy company, announced that Hochstein had joined the company as an independent director, but on Monday he announced his resignation.

"The company has been forced to spend endless amounts of time combating political pressure and efforts by oligarchs to enrich themselves through questionable transactions," Hochstein wrote in an op-ed published by the Kyiv Post.

In addition to denying that's he's spoken to Hunter Biden about his overseas business dealings, Joe Biden has repeatedly denied any conflict of interest or wrongdoing by either of them involving Burisma

Last February, **he got testy during an appearance on NBC's "Today"** show when co-host Savannah Guthrie questioned whether it was "wrong for [Hunter] to take that position, knowing that it was really because that company wanted access to you."

"Well, that's not true. You're saying things you do not know what you're talking about," the elder Biden responded.



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Last December, Joe Biden also **lashed out during a Democratic primary town hall** event in Iowa, where a man accused him of sending Hunter to Ukraine “to get a job and work for a gas company, he had no experience with gas or nothing, in order to get access to . . . the president.”

“You’re a damn liar, man. That’s not true and no one has ever said that,” Biden fumed.

Biden then continued berating the man as he stepped forward, called the man “fat” and challenged him to “do push ups together, man ”

The FBI referred questions about its seizure of the laptop and hard drive to the Delaware US Attorney’s Office, where a spokesperson said, “My office can neither confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation.”

Hunter Biden’s lawyer refused to comment on the specifics but instead attacked Giuliani

“He has been pushing widely discredited conspiracy theories about the Biden family, openly relying on actors tied to Russian intelligence,” the lawyer, George R Mesires, said of

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Not to be redundant but doesn't this cause at least some degree of concern with my friends on the other side of the aisle?



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**Brownie Mackie**

Apparently not. (cause concern on the other side of the aisle).

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**Joe Michaud**

Apparently Hunter was giving half of what he "earned" to Pop? If so Hunter isn't a Biden he a bagman.

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**Dan Gallagher**

Joe Michaud where did you hear that, in a trump retreat? Loved the one Bin Laden still alive. For a guy who says he is wicked smart he sure says I don't know alot when questioned.

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Dan Gallagher it was a quote from the Hunter email to his daughter. It was in the laptop that boob left with a repair shop and never went back to



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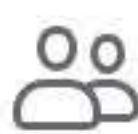
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Dan Gallagher it was a quote from the Hunter email to his daughter. It was in the laptop that boob left with a repair shop and never went back to reclaim. After copying and giving the emails etc...to the FBI the IT guy thought after a year that the FBI was sitting on it so he gave all the info to Rudy and ultimately to the NY Post and that's how it came out. Biden campaign has not denied the content which implicates Biden getting money through Hunter from the Chinese and Ukrainians. Good to know

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**Michael Foley**

Imagine what will be under reported or ignored by the Big State Media once he's president? Everyone will go back to sleep and anyone challenging the narrative will be called a



APPENDIX K



More than 100 undelivered absentee ballots found in Kentucky dumpster

By Ronn Blitzer

Published October 16, 2020

Fox News

A contractor in Jefferson County, Ky., found 112 absentee ballots in a dumpster, leading to an investigation by federal authorities.

The ballots never made it to their intended recipients and had not been opened or filled out. Special agents from the U.S. Postal Service's Office of the Inspector General said they also found two political fliers as they investigated the matter.

PA POSTAL WORKERS FACE FEDERAL CHARGES FOR DUMPING MAIL IN TRASH

"When the investigation is concluded, the case will be presented for federal prosecution to the U.S. Attorney's Office," Special Agent Scott Balfour said in a statement, according to the Associated Press.

Balfour said that the ballots and fliers were turned over to the Postal Service so they could be delivered. He noted that incidents such as this have been "exceedingly rare."

US POSTAL SERVICE ACCUSED OF FALSIFYING DELIVERY INFO TO BOOST PERFORMANCE STATS: REPORT

According to Nore Ghibaudy, spokesman for the Jefferson County clerk's office, voters who have not received absentee ballots by Oct. 28 can vote in person at any polling site if they sign an affidavit stating that they never received their ballot.

The news comes days after two postal workers in Pennsylvania were charged with federal offenses as federal prosecutors said heaps of undelivered mail were discovered in the trash. While no ballots were found among the mail, two mail-in ballot requests were recovered.

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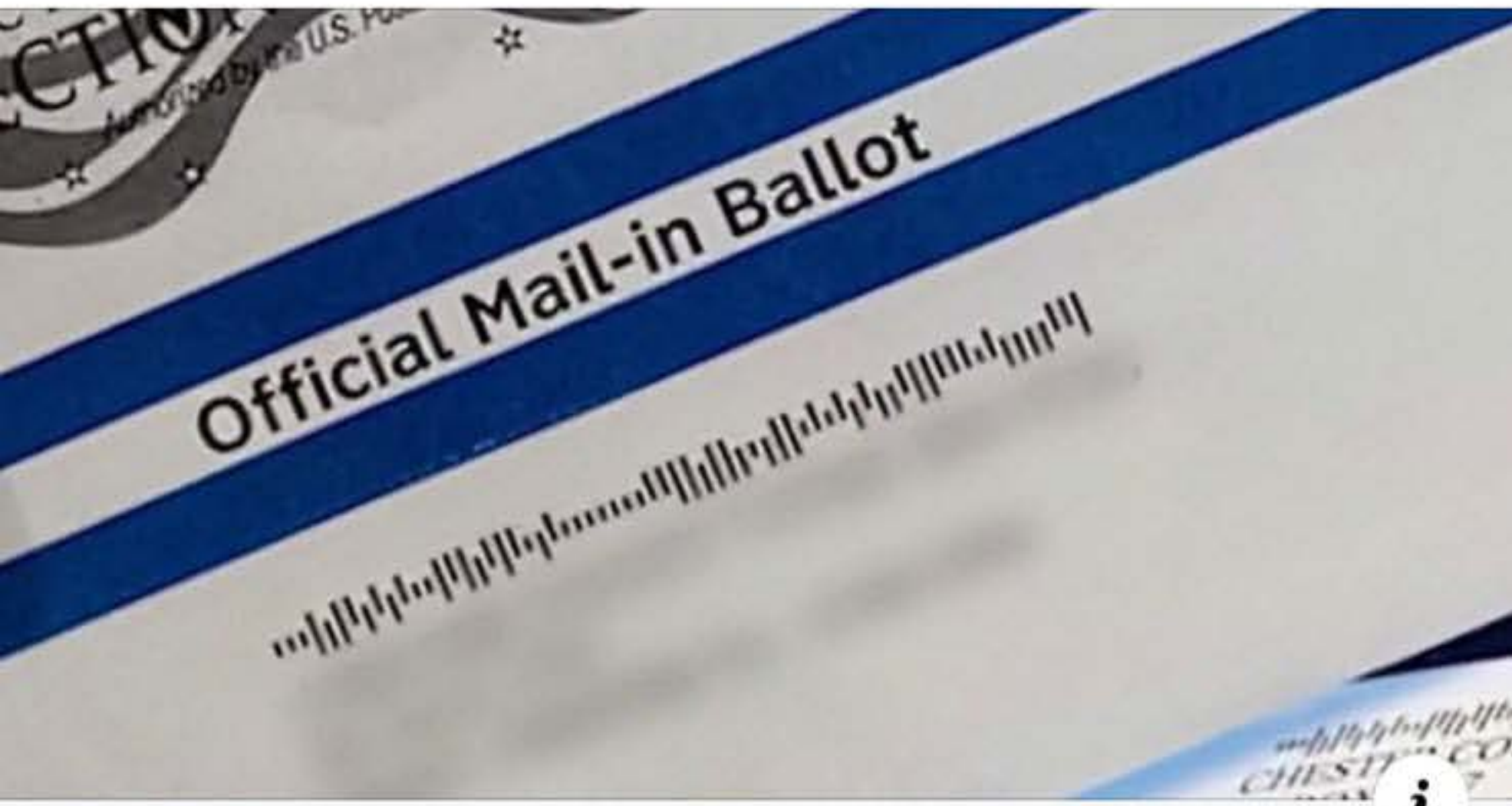


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October 20 at 3:22 PM ·



Tracy George

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You pay her \$223,500 a year plus expenses but she stopped you from getting \$1,200 for crisis assistance...3 times in one week!!! Let that sink in.



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**Joe Michaud**

October 21 at 12:26 PM ·

Ayn Rand is right on so many fronts.

**Joy Wilson**

October 20 at 10:01 PM ·

"When the law no longer protects you from the corrupt, but protects the corrupt from you – you know your nation is doomed." — Ayn Rand



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**Joe Michaud**

October 21 at 12:26 PM ·

**Barbara Parent**

Yep. Don't care. Trump is worse

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**Kat Ann****Barbara Parent** are you daft?

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**Joe Michaud**

That's what is so scary. That so many people are ignoring Biden's demonstrated corruption and traitorous behavior because OrangeManBad.

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**Joe Michaud**And no **Barbara Parent** is not daft. She is a very bright and beautiful person. Please refrain from pejorative personal terms.

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October 21 at 12:26 PM ·

**Joe Michaud**

Dan Gallagher right but we have actual evidence to support our argument other than OrangeManBad

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**Dan Gallagher**

Joe Michaud what evidence? The Republicans found nothing. How many of Trump's stooges are in jail? How many did he pardon? Trump university, ripping off charity, how many times being sued? I could go on.

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**Joe Michaud**

Dan Gallagher Hunters laptop and emails say it all brother. Trump most investigated President in history and after 3 years of Russian Collusion Delusion we have Biden actually taking kickbacks from China and Ukraine. The irony



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Two key polls show Biden tumbling and Trump rising, 49%-46%

by [Paul Bedard, Washington Secrets Columnist](#) | | October 21, 2020 11:49 AM

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, who led President Trump by 12 points just two weeks ago, has seen his lead tumble to just 3 points in the much-watched [Rasmussen Reports](#) survey.

In its weekly "White House Watch," Biden leads Trump, 49%-46%. It was the first time in a month of Rasmussen head-to-head polls that Biden fell below 50%.



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The poll echoes another out on Wednesday, the [IDB/TIPP survey](#), that had the race even tighter, 48.1% for Biden to 45.6% for Trump.

The IDB/TIPP poll is often described as one that called the 2016 race. Rasmussen was the one that got the popular vote percentage right between Hillary Clinton and Trump.

Biden's lead in the IDB/TIPP survey was his smallest.

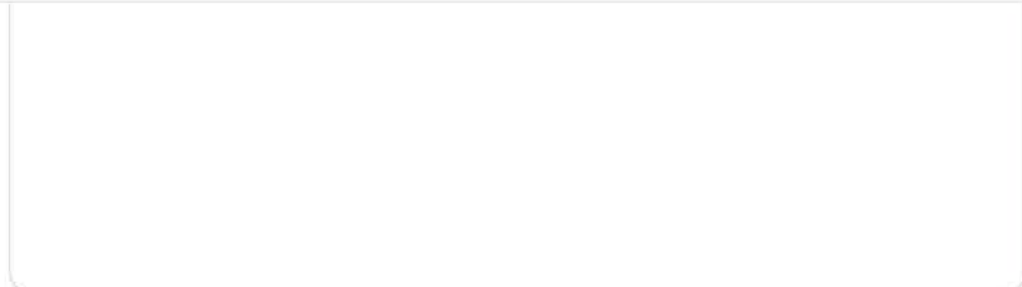
Helping Trump over the past week was the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing for Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett, which went well, his back-to-back-to-back campaign rallies, and news in the conservative media about Biden son Hunter's controversial emails about winning contracts in countries his father had interests in while Barack Obama's vice president.

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In the Rasmussen poll of 2,500, Trump also had the enthusiasm edge. The analysis said, "Trump earns 82% support among Republicans. Biden has 79% of the Democrat vote and leads by seven among voters not affiliated with either major party. The Democrat had a double-digit lead among unaffiliateds for the two weeks prior to this."

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The wind is changing....VOTE!!



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Ayn Rand is right on so many fronts.

**Joy Wilson**

October 20 at 10:01 PM ·

"When the law no longer



APPENDIX S



Laptop connected to Hunter Biden linked to FBI money laundering probe

By Brooke Singman, Jake Gibson

Published October 21, 2020

Fox News

The FBI's subpoena of a laptop and hard drive purportedly belonging to Hunter Biden came in connection with a money laundering investigation in late 2019, according to documents obtained by Fox News and verified by multiple federal law enforcement officials who reviewed them.

It is unclear, at this point, whether the investigation is ongoing or if it was directly related to Hunter Biden.

RATCLIFFE SAYS HUNTER BIDEN EMAILS, LAPTOP 'NOT PART OF SOME RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN'

Multiple federal law enforcement officials, as well as two separate government officials, confirmed the authenticity of these documents, which were signed by FBI Special Agent Joshua Wilson. Wilson did not immediately respond to Fox News' request for comment.

One of the documents, obtained by Fox News, was designated as an FBI "Receipt for Property" form, which details the bureau's interactions with John Paul Mac Isaac, the owner of "The Mac Shop" who reported the laptop's contents to authorities.

The document has a "Case ID" section, which is filled in with a hand-written number: 272D-BA-3065729.

According to multiple officials, and the FBI's website, "272" is the bureau's classification for money laundering, while "272D" refers to "Money Laundering, Unknown SUA [Specified Unlawful Activity]—White Collar Crime Program," according to FBI documents. One government official described "272D" as "transnational or blanket."

"BA" indicates the case was opened in the FBI's Baltimore field office, sources said.

The documents state that the subpoena was carried out in Wilmington, Del., which falls under the jurisdiction of the FBI's Baltimore Field Office.

AG 119 (Rev. 06/05) Subpoena to Testify Before a Grand Jury

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
District of Delaware

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY

To: The Mac Shop Inc.
c/o John Paul Mac Isaac
21 Doolley Square
Wilmington, DE 19806

Grand Jury Subpoena Number
19-3-LFWS-V-136


YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in this United States district court at the time, date, and place shown below to testify before the court's grand jury. When you arrive, you must remain at the court until the judge or a court officer allows you to leave.

Place: J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building Room 3001, 844 King Street Wilmington, DE 19801	Date and Time: Response Due By: Tuesday, December 17, 2019
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You must also bring with you the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects (if not applicable):

In lieu of personal appearance, please see ATTACHMENT A

Date: December 9, 2019

CLERK OF COURT

John A. Lewis
Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney, who requests this subpoena, are:
Lesley F. Wolf
Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office
1113 North Market Street, Suite 400
Wilmington, DE 19806-2646
Phone (302) 573-6277

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Apple MacBook Pro Laptop Computer; Serial Number FVFXC2MMHV29
2. Western Digital (external hard drive); Serial Number: WX21A19ATFF3

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PROOF OF SERVICE

This subpoena for (name of individual or organization) The MAC Shop
 was received by me on (date) 12/9/2019.

☒ I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows:
John Paul Mac Isaac (on date) 12/9/19; or

☐ I returned the subpoena unserved because: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: 12/9/2019

John W. Biden
 Special Agent, FBI
 Printed name and title

FBI - Wilmington RA, 500 Delaware Ave.
 Server's address Suite 300 Wilmington DE

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc: _____

"The FBI cannot open a case without predication, so they believed there was predication for criminal activity," a government official told Fox News. "This means there was sufficient evidence to believe that there was criminal conduct."

Another document, obtained by Fox News, was a subpoena sent to Isaac to testify before U.S. District Court in Delaware on Dec. 9, 2019. One page of the subpoena shows what appears to be serial numbers for a laptop and hard drive taken into possession.

FBI IN POSSESSION OF LAPTOP ALLEGEDLY BELONGING TO HUNTER BIDEN

Based on the date of the subpoena, an official told Fox News that the case would have been opened prior to Isaac's subpoena.

"If a criminal case was opened and subpoenas were issued, that means there is a high likelihood that both the laptop and hard drive contain fruits of criminal activity," the official said.

Fox News first reported on Tuesday evening that the FBI is in possession of the laptop in question.

The FBI has declined to confirm or deny the existence of an investigation into the laptop or the emails, as is standard practice.

The Biden campaign on Wednesday pushed back on the claims leveled against Hunter Biden, particularly those first reported by The New York Post last week. The New York Post revealed that Rudy Giuliani provided them with emails allegedly belonging to Hunter Biden.

"The Attorney General of Delaware's office indicated that the FBI has 'ongoing investigations regarding the veracity of this entire story.' And it would be unsurprising for an investigation of a disinformation action involving Rudy Giuliani and those assisting him to involve questions about money laundering, especially since there are other documented inquiries into his dealings," Biden campaign spokesman Andrew Bates said in a statement to Fox News. "In fact, Donald Trump's own national security adviser warned the president that material furnished by Giuliani should be considered tainted by Russian interference."

Giuliani, this week, reportedly turned over a copy of the hard drive to New Castle County Police Department in Delaware.

Richard Sauber, an attorney connected to the Biden campaign, said, in a statement to Fox News: "Criminal investigations of Russian disinformation campaigns that include the witting participation of American citizens like Rudy Giuliani often involve investigation by the FBI of whether the American has received payment for these activities that would implicate the Federal Money Laundering statutes."

Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe, however, confirmed this week that the laptop, purportedly belonging to Hunter Biden, and the emails on it "is not part of some Russian disinformation campaign," despite claims from House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif.

The FBI, in a letter to Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairman Ron Johnson, R-Wis., who is investigating Hunter Biden's business dealings as well as the laptop in question, said that the bureau has "nothing to add at this time to the October 19th public statement by the Director of National Intelligence about the available actionable intelligence."

"If actionable intelligence is developed, the FBI in consultation with the Intelligence Community will evaluate the need to provide defensive briefings to you and the Committee pursuant to the established notification framework," the letter stated.

The FBI, in its letter to Johnson, wrote that "consistent with longstanding Department of Justice (Department) policy and practice, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any ongoing investigation or persons or entities under investigation, including to Members of Congress."

"As the Inspector General firmly reminded the Department and the FBI in recent years, this policy is designed to preserve the integrity of all Justice Department investigations and the Department's ability to effectively administer justice without political or other undue outside influences," Tyson wrote. "Therefore, the FBI cannot provide any additional information in response to the enumerated questions in your letter."

The emails in question were first obtained by the New York Post and, in part, revealed that Hunter Biden allegedly introduced his father, the then-vice president, to a top executive at Ukrainian natural gas firm Burisma Holdings less than a year before he pressured government officials in Ukraine to fire prosecutor Viktor Shokin, who was investigating the company's founder.

The New York Post report revealed that Biden, at Hunter's request, allegedly met with the executive, Vadym Pozharskyi, in April 2015 in Washington, D.C.

The meeting was mentioned in an email of appreciation, according to the Post, that Pozharskyi sent to Hunter Biden on April 17, 2015 — a year after Hunter took on his position on the board of Burisma.

The Biden campaign told Fox News Sunday that the former vice president "never had a meeting" with Pozharskyi.

Biden, prior to the emails surfacing, repeatedly has claimed he's "never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings."

Hunter Biden's business dealings, and his role on the board of Burisma, emerged during the Trump impeachment inquiry in 2019.

Another email, dated May 13, 2017, and obtained by Fox News, includes a discussion of "renumeration packages" for six people in a business deal with a Chinese energy firm. The email appeared to identify Hunter Biden as "Chair/Vice Chair depending on an agreement with CEFC," in an apparent reference to now-bankrupt CEFC China Energy Co.

DOCUMENTS SHOW ALLEGED HUNTER BIDEN SIGNATURE, FBI CONTACTS WITH COMPUTER REPAIR SHOP OWNER

The email includes a note that "Hunter has some office expectations he will elaborate." A proposed equity split references "20" for "H" and "10 held by H for the big guy?" with no further details.

Fox News spoke to one of the people who was copied on the email, who confirmed its authenticity.

Sources also told Fox News that "the big guy" was a reference to the former vice president. The New York Post initially published the emails, and others, that Fox News has also obtained.

While Biden has not commented on that email, or his alleged involvement in any deals with the Chinese Energy firm, his campaign said it released the former vice president's tax documents and returns, which do not reflect any involvement with Chinese investments.

Fox News also obtained an email last week that revealed an adviser of Burisma Holdings, Vadym Pozharskyi, wrote an email to Hunter Biden on May 12, 2014, requesting "advice" on how he could use his "influence to convey a message" to "stop" what the company considers to be "politically motivated actions."

"We urgently need your advice on how you could use your influence to convey a message / signal, etc. to stop what we consider to be politically motivated actions," Pozharskyi wrote.

The email, part of a longer email chain obtained by Fox News, appeared to be referencing the firm's founder, Mykola Zlochevsky, being under investigation.

Fox News' Mike Emanuel contributed to this report.

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New Jersey sends mail-in ballot to Massachusetts watchdog



Paul Craney, of Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, said New Jersey sent him a ballot in error — that he has ripped up. (Staff Photo By Matt Stone/MediaNews Group/Boston Herald)

By **JOE DWINELL** | joed@bostonherald.com | Boston Herald

PUBLISHED: October 21, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. | UPDATED: October 22, 2020 at 9:05 a.m.

In the latest ballot blunder, New Jersey is asking anyone who received a mail-in voting form who no longer lives in the Garden State to simply “rip it up.”

“That’s cute,” said Paul Diego Craney, spokesman for the MassFiscal Alliance.



Still, he asked the Herald, how many more people have been sent a ballot they didn't ask for in the first place?

"This is a great example of holes in the system," Craney, a fiscal watchdog, said of the state he left in 2006. "When I first looked at it, I couldn't believe what it appeared to be. I didn't even ask for a ballot."

A woman answering the phone Wednesday afternoon at the New Jersey Division of Elections said they are telling anyone sent an errant ballot to "destroy it. Rip it up." And, the woman added, out-of-state voters should alert county officials of the error. She then hung up the phone on the Herald.

Craney said he did all that, but still worries about more ballot shenanigans that could sully the final election tally.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy signed an executive order in August decreeing that ballots with prepaid postage should be mailed to all active registered voters for the General Election.

"COVID-19 has impacted nearly every aspect of our lives, from our health and safety to how we participate in our democracy," Murphy said that day. "This virus continues to threaten public health, and with today's announcement, we are ensuring that New Jersey voters do not have to make a decision between exercising their right to vote and protecting their well-being."

Murphy, a Democrat, is now [in self-quarantine after being exposed](#) to a staff member who has tested positive for the coronavirus. He has been critical of President Trump for holding a campaign event in Bedminster, N.J., after catching the virus.

The legitimacy of the Nov. 3 election — easily one of the most pivotal in decades — depends on the safety of ballots, both those mailed in and filled out in early voting and on election day. The president has raised concerns about ballot abuse.

"How does this happen?" Craney added. "It's clear there are problems with the system."

Paul Diego Craney

@pauldiegocraney

I haven't lived in NJ since I left in 2006. That didn't stop the state of NJ from sending me a ballot. @GovMurphy signed an executive order ma every active registered voter a VBM ballot ahead of the General Electio @TuckerCarlson @realDonaldTrump @declanoscanlon (1 of 2)

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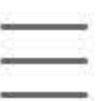
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APPENDIX W



Hunter Biden business partner calls email 'genuine,' says Hunter sought dad's advice on deals

By Ronn Blitzer, John Roberts

Published October 22, 2020

Fox News

Tony Bobulinski, who was listed as the recipient of an email published by the New York Post that appeared to detail a business arrangement involving a Chinese company and members of the Biden family, has confirmed that the email is "genuine" and provided more information regarding the Bidens' role in the deal.

The email includes a note that "Hunter has some office expectations he will elaborate." A proposed equity split references "20" for "H" and "10 held by H for the big guy?" with no further details.

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"The reference to 'the Big Guy' in the much publicized May 13, 2017 email is in fact a reference to Joe Biden," Bobulinski said in a statement to Fox News

Bobulinski said he is the CEO of Sinohawk Holdings, which he explained "was a partnership between the Chinese operating through CEFC/Chairman Ye and the Biden family." He said he was brought on as CEO by Hunter Biden and James Gilliar, who was listed as the sender of the email.

Bobulinski went on to say he does not believe Joe Biden's past claim that he and Hunter did not discuss his son Hunter's business, claiming that Hunter "frequently referenced asking him for his sign-off or advice on various potential deals."

"I've seen Vice President Biden saying he never talked to Hunter about his business. I've seen firsthand that that's not true, because it wasn't just Hunter's business, they said they were putting the Biden family name and its legacy on the line," Bobulinski said.

SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING HUNTER BIDEN EMAILS

"The Biden family aggressively leveraged the Biden family name to make millions of dollars from foreign entities even though some were from communist controlled China," he added.

Bobulinski also said that he believes that the Chinese involvement in the deal was "political or influence investment" on their part, and that "Hunter wanted to use the company as his personal piggy bank by just taking money out of it as soon as it came from the Chinese."



Tony Bobulinski's Navy photo. (Courtesy: Tony Bobulinski)

Fox News reached out to the Biden campaign for comment, but they did not immediately respond.

After the New York Post published emails reportedly recovered from a laptop said to have belonged to Hunter Biden, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., claimed that the information was not legitimate and that it was part of a Russian disinformation scheme. Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe pushed back against this claim, saying "there is no intelligence that supports that."

Bobulinski also said that the information he relayed is not part of any disinformation campaign.

"Any suggestion to the contrary is false and offensive," he said.

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Bobulinski added that the Senate Homeland Security and Finance Committees requested that he turn over "all documents relating to my business affairs with the Biden family as well as various foreign entities and individuals," and that he intends to fully cooperate.

"I have extensive relevant records and communications and I intend to produce those items to both Committees in the immediate future," he said.

Fox News' Brooke Singman contributed to this report.

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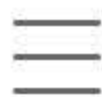
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POSTED ON OCTOBER 22, 2020 BY [JOHN HINDERAKER](#) IN [JOE BIDEN](#)

THE BIDEN INFLUENCE EMPIRE IS UNRAVELING [UPDATED]

[Fox News](#) has more on the Biden family's dealings with the Chinese Communists. This information doesn't come from Hunter Biden's laptop, but rather from the Gmail account of one of the Bidens' former associates who is now in prison:

A list of "key domestic contacts" for a joint venture involving Jim and Hunter Biden and now-bankrupt CEFC China Energy Co. included former Vice President Joe Biden's current running mate Sen. Kamala Harris, among other prominent Democrats, Fox News has learned.

The list, included Harris, D-Calif.; Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.; Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.; Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.; Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.; New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo; New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio; former Virginia Gov. Terry McCaulliffe, among others.

But that isn't the big news. The big news is that a Biden insider is going public:

[Tony] Bobulinski was an institutional investor who was recruited by the Biden family to run their joint-venture with now-bankrupt CEFC China Energy Co.

Bobulinski is a former Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, and served as the CEO of SinoHawk Holdings, which he said was the partnership between the CEFC/ Chairman Ye and the Biden family.

"I was brought into the company to be the CEO by James Gilliar and Hunter Biden," Bobulinski said in a statement to Fox News. "The reference to "the Big Guy" in the much-publicized May 13, 2017 email is in fact a reference to Joe Biden. The other "JB" referenced in that email is Jim Biden, Joe's brother."

Bobulinski, in a statement to Fox News, said "Hunter Biden called his dad 'the Big Guy' or 'my Chairman,' and frequently referenced asking him for his sign-off or advice on various potential deals that we were discussing."

"I've seen Vice President Biden saying he never talked to Hunter about his business," Bobulinski said "I've seen firsthand that that's not true, because it wasn't just Hunter's business, they said they were putting the Biden family name and its legacy on the line."

He added: “I realized the Chinese were not really focused on a healthy financial ROI. They were looking at this as a political or influence investment.”

“Once I realized that Hunter wanted to use the company as his personal piggy bank by just taking money out of it as soon as it came from the Chinese, I took steps to prevent that from happening,” Bobulinski said, adding that he asks “the Biden family to address the American people and outline the facts so I can go back to being irrelevant — and so I am not put in a position to have to answer those questions for them.”

Bobulinski said he doesn’t “have a political ax to grind.”

“I just saw behind the Biden curtain and I grew concerned with what I saw,” he said. “The Biden family aggressively leveraged the Biden family name to make millions of dollars from foreign entities even though some were from communist-controlled China.”

It would be nice if Joe Biden were asked about Bobulinski’s statement in tonight’s debate, but I suppose that is too much to hope for. Still, it seems that lid has finally blown off Joe Biden’s career of corruption.

UPDATE: It is being reported that President Trump is bringing Tony Bobulinski to tonight’s debate as a guest.

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October 22 at 11:26 PM ·

That was a very good moment for the President

Who built the cages, Joe?



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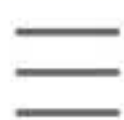
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It's not a cage, no top. The children came to America without their parents. Still Trump didn't answer the question AGAIN! 550 separated from their parents & he can't find them.

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**Judith Lavoie**

Dan Gallagher "but they are well taken care of". I read an article months back and those kids are being victimized.

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Are the parents looking for the children? Can't believe any parents that cared wouldn't be actively looking for their kids by contacting Border Authorities and asking. Are these people stupid? I wouldn't stop looking and I would start with the Obama cages first

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and teens in such cages. At least 6 have died. They are concentration camps, just like the WWII internment camps. Obama is not running for office today, Trump is. Trump (and Stephen Miller, Jeff Session, Rod Rosenstein) filled these cages with children separated from their parents and didn't bot... See More

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John J. Gushue why would it be awful? The liberal left has been attacking President Trump for putting people in cages at the border when in fact it was Obama Administration who started that particular practice. We just want to correct the accusation to ensure that those actually responsible get the credit due.

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Saving Private Biden

The press standard for 2020: No tough questions for the former vice president.



By

[William McGurn](#) [Follow](#)

Oct. 26, 2020 5:51 pm ET

In the thick of the 2016 presidential campaign, the front page of the New York Times handed down the word from on high: In the era of Donald Trump, press objectivity was a luxury America could not afford.

It turned out that biased press coverage wasn't enough to keep Mr. Trump from winning. So for 2020 the press introduced a new corollary: Joe Biden must never be asked a tough question.

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In the past the media's competitive juices, plus a presidential candidate's interactions with the American people along the campaign trail, would have rendered this impossible. But Covid-19 gave Mr. Biden the excuse to stay in his basement, and the press corps has run interference for Mr. Biden rather than tackle the story.

At the moment, the hard questions Mr. Biden is avoiding are about the lucrative deals his son made with politically connected Chinese and Ukrainian businesses, sometimes while

riding alongside his father in Air Force 2. This past week, one of Hunter Biden's former business partners, Anthony Bobulinski, accused the former vice president of lying when he said he never discussed his son's overseas business dealings—and the Hunter Biden story became a Joe Biden story.

The elder Mr. Biden dismisses it all as Russian disinformation, though both the director of National Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation say there's no evidence for that. Specifically, Mr. Biden has yet to say that the emails are phony and the laptop isn't his son's. Then again, he has never had to say that because the media won't press him on it.

And not only the press. When the New York Post published texts and emails from the laptop, along with an explanation of how they came into the Post's possession, Twitter and Facebook ran interference by suppressing the story—and the Post—on their platforms. The rationale appears to be that Mr. Biden can't handle the questions and the American people can't be trusted to handle the answers.

This see-no-evil, hear-no-evil, speak-no-evil approach to Mr. Biden started with Tara Reade, a former Senate staffer who accused the candidate of having sexually harassed her in 1993, when she'd worked for him. When Julie Swetnick asserted in 2018—without any corroboration—that she witnessed Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh participating in gang rapes at high-school parties, the Times ran the story the same day. But when Ms. Reade accused Mr. Biden of sexual assault, the previous believe-the-woman standard was given the heave-ho, and the Times waited 19 days to report it.

Meanwhile, Mr. Biden's press conferences sometimes become a contest between reporters and the candidate to see who can hate Mr. Trump most. In August, after an anonymously sourced story in the Atlantic accused Mr. Trump of disparaging dead American soldiers from a World War I cemetery, the magazine's Edward-Isaac Dove asked Mr. Biden, "When you hear these remarks—'suckers,' 'losers,' 'recoiling from amputees,' what does that tell you about President Trump's soul and the life he leads?"

Ed O'Keefe of CBS News noted Mr. Biden had said he was trying to restrain himself about Mr. Trump and then served up this hardball: "Aren't there a lot of people out there who are supporting you or inclined to not vote for the president who would say, 'Why isn't Joe Biden angrier about all of this?' "

Or what about the Associated Press? In September it revised its stylebook to say reporters should use the term "unrest" instead of "riots" to describe the criminal violence in cities from Portland, Ore., to Kenosha, Wis. The AP now frowns on "looting" as well, urging greater sensitivity because President Trump has used the term.

It's the job of the press to ask the hard questions and insist on answers, even at the risk of looking obnoxious. It isn't biased, for example, to ask President Trump why, with polls showing more than half of the American people saying they are better off today than before he was elected, so many will still vote against him because they don't like his personality and temperament.

But the toughness should apply equally. And no honest observer could say that, for example, of the recent and dueling town halls, where on ABC Mr. Biden had a leisurely chat with George Stephanopoulos while on NBC Savannah Guthrie savaged Mr. Trump. Not to mention the constant calls from reporters for the president to denounce white supremacists while studiously avoiding asking Mr. Biden about his condescending remark that anyone who doesn't support him can't be black.

The best summary of the new standard in election coverage was given by Mark Hemingway of RealClearInvestigations. After a particularly fawning news conference, he relayed the assessment of a friend: Watching the press handle Joe Biden is "like watching someone make sure a 3 year old wins Candyland."

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October 27 at 9:21 AM ·

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does it pursue truth that does not fit their narrative.

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Joe Michaud too broad of a brush.

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Russ Michaud name one media outlet besides Fox and talk radio that isn't in the bag for Biden. I have looked and I can't.

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**Scott Avila****Russ Michaud**

Amazing how nobody but Fox had any coverage of ACB being sworn in. Like it's not even news for a 24 hour news station.

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Russ Michaud true ACB is just the 5th woman to ever serve on the SC. That's a Big Deal! Why no coverage from the leftist state media? They had Crazie Mazie's Hell No!! Rude and juvenile comment but not the swearing in. Should tell you everything you need to know

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Russ Michaud an impartial Media is essential, But the current msm is more than favoring the Dems and denigrating the Republicans, Conservatives and all who do not support the Democratic Party. They refused to report the Biden story or show the video. They didn't cover the fraudulent part of the Russian Dossier and the names of those that participated in that



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very scary.

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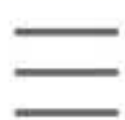
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Well stated and truthful...

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Dorothy Rasmussen

You are absolutely correct and socialism is coming if Biden wins. Most people are unaware of the damage that is being done because they don't see or hear any of the truth.....only Fox reports the facts and they have been leaning towards the left



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Trump Has Torn the Mask Off the Liberal Media

The press resents him because he exposes its bias.

By Frank Pavone

Nov. 1, 2020 4:39 pm ET



President Trump speaks to the media by the White House, Oct. 30.

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Why does the media hate Donald Trump so much? There are all kinds of theories, but only one really makes sense: We are a country at odds over the most fundamental principles of ideology, economics, religion, race, culture, morality—even our own history. The media is on one side of that metaphorical war, and President Trump calls it out.

In this dispute the two sides have always been known to the participants, but the media doesn't identify them publicly. A major part of the mainstream media's strategy has been to preserve the perception of its neutrality and keep its role as hidden as possible. It has been criticized in the past for its liberal bias—by conservatives. But never by a sitting president with such effectiveness. (Richard Nixon mostly delegated the job to Vice President Spiro Agnew.) By treating the media for what it is—a belligerent in the culture war—Mr. Trump has done it irreparable damage.

The media is supposed to be a neutral participant. So, to a lesser extent, are Hollywood and academia. Hollywood's job is to entertain us. The universities' job is to educate us. The media's job is to report the news to us. If there is indeed some kind of philosophical, theological and economic battle being waged for the soul of the country, Americans would certainly want to know if those responsible for filtering information to us are doing so in an objective fashion.

If people knew for a fact that the media were taking sides, the jig would be up. The media would lose much of its ability to influence the outcome. This is what lies behind the media's fear and loathing of the president. It wants desperately to advance an agenda, but knows that to do so effectively it needs to be perceived as impartial. In other words, the media cares nothing about reality — only the perception of reality.



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Though the president has repeatedly condemned white supremacy, reporters keep asking if he is willing to do so. Though the Supreme Court confirmed his travel ban wasn't based on religion, many still refer to it as a "Muslim ban." And who could forget the evidence-free claims, repeated for more than two years, that the president was colluding with Vladimir Putin, or was himself a Russian agent? For four years, Mr. Trump has shined a piercing light on the media's bias. He has blown the lid completely off its cover. And despite relentless attempts to discredit and destroy him in response, he has survived and even gained momentum.

In a real sense, the president has defeated the media. No matter what the outcome of this election, the media will never again be able to convince the public that it is objective.

Everyone—not only conservatives—now knows where it stands.

That is the real reason the media hates Trump with a blazing, white-hot intensity.

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I know a few people who could certainly benefit by joining her.



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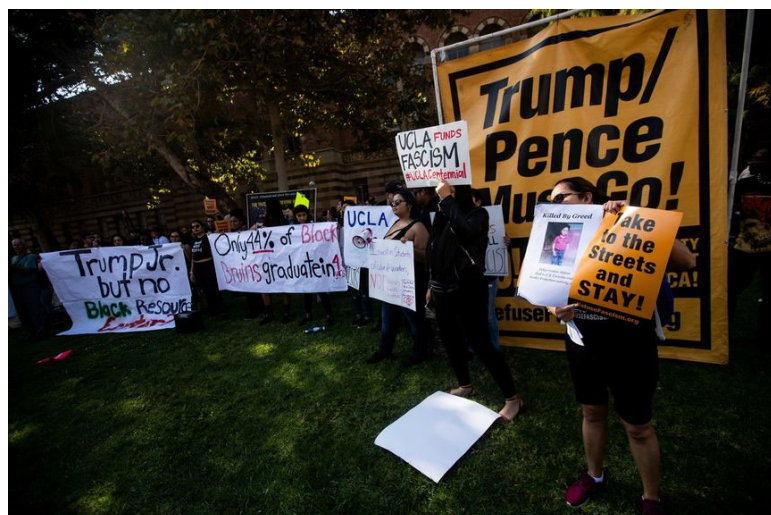
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Woke Universities Lead America to a Primitive State

Higher education now stands for mob rule, civic ignorance and contempt for truth and free inquiry.

By John M. Ellis

Nov. 2, 2020 6:31 pm ET



A protest before Donald Trump Jr.'s speech at the University of California, Los Angeles, Nov. 10, 2019.

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In this election season it's almost impossible to find pro-Trump bumper stickers or signs anywhere in my town. The reason is not lack of support but fear of vandalism, or worse: People nationwide have been physically assaulted and even threatened with loss of their livelihoods for no other reason than that they plan to vote as one half of the country does, and political goals are now commonly pursued by violent means. With this our civilization seems to be regressing to a more primitive stage of its development—a time when disputes were settled by force instead of rules, and before the First Amendment guaranteed the right to speak freely on the social and political issues of the day.

That's bad enough in itself, but worse yet is that this social regression began on college campuses, of all places, before spreading to the national culture. On one-party campuses, radical-left faculty have established a political orthodoxy that student mobs enforce, and the political culture of the nation is poisoned as those students take home with them their professors' habit of seeing opinions that differ from theirs as an evil not to be tolerated.

The left-wing political orthodoxy is also taking the place of traditional civics. Recent graduates know much less about U.S. government than older Americans do. In 2018 the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation gave a sample of Americans a test based on the exam for U.S. citizenship. Only 19% of people under 45 passed, while 74% of those over 65 did, meaning even elderly people who learned the material more than 40 years ago can summon it from memory better than recent grads. Similar studies have found a regression in knowledge of U.S. history. Today's universities are presiding over a nationwide reversion to civic illiteracy. That's a disaster for the country, but it suits campus radicals. A well-informed citizenry would hardly wish to be governed by people whose ideological kin have reduced so many countries to economic and political deserts.

America's universities were once the leading edge of an advanced culture, reinforcing and expanding the country's best features. They steered differences of opinion away from rancor and toward well-regulated, informed debate. They welcomed eccentric opinions, expanded the boundaries of thought and learning in every sphere, prepared students for citizenship by rooting them in their society's government and history, and trained students for nonpartisan service in the specialized professions an advanced society needs.

None of that persists today. Far from being the leading edge of an advanced culture, the universities drag America back toward a more primitive state. They have contempt for the restraints and rules that define society, such as political neutrality in nonpolitical institutions. For radicals, politics takes precedence over everything, and every field within social science and the humanities eventually degrades into a mere channel to spread progressive orthodoxies.

In an advanced society, journalists have the vital job of keeping the citizenry well-informed so that the government can be held to account. Only in less-developed cultures is the press commonly under firm political control. But since America's university journalism programs are now overwhelmingly left-activist, we now effectively have the politicized press of an undeveloped nation. The same holds for schoolteachers, at present also trained by campus radicals, which is making public school systems increasingly ideological. Socialist dictatorships and banana republics hold their universities under strict political control; it's astonishing that the U.S. seems to be joining that club.

Race relations in America are devolving under the same progressive leadership. Campuses are in a constant state of hysteria about "systemic" racism, with small armies of diversity administrators always eager to jump at the slightest infraction, real or imagined. Why does invisible campus racism need such zealous policing? If radical leftists can persuade enough people that America is rotten at its core with racial prejudice, they'll gain traction for their program of radical social transformation. Power-hungry radicals whip up racial tensions where none exist because their authority depends on social division.

In the past, universities were indispensable in maintaining American culture, but now they undermine and sicken it. The public should learn to see through the patina of prestige that still covers elite schools, and should assess realistically the damage these schools are doing today. That damage goes beyond a failure to develop graduates who think independently. Universities now attack the most basic principles of American society, and do so with lavish taxpayer support. We should decide how best to cut them off.

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Wednesday on Fox News Channel's "Tucker Carlson Tonight," host Tucker Carlson showed numerous instances of deceased Americans that apparently had their identities used to participate in last week's presidential election in Georgia.

In doing so, Carlson showed the election was not without some instances of fraud despite what left-leaning media outlets and figures had said.

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that.

There was massive outside interference in our democracy, and it didn't come from Russia. The tech monopolies of Silicon Valley used their unprecedented control over news and information to silence Donald Trump's voters and at the same time, to protect Joe Biden.

And then public health authorities and blue state governors wielded the pandemic like it was a partisan political weapon. It's hard to believe they actually did that, but they did do it. Corporate America helped them.

In a moment, we'll have a report on Big Pharma's role in what happened. It's an amazing story.

And then there's the question of the votes themselves, the actual ballots. Democrats completely changed the way we voted in this election. Our system has never been more disorganized, and it has never been more vulnerable to manipulation.

So was there voter fraud last week? That's a question we've been working on since the election night. We've tried to be careful and precise as we report this out. In moments like this, truth really matters more than ever. False allegations of fraud can cause as much damage as the fraud itself.

Jussie Smollett hurt more people with his lies than any actual hate crime. And the last thing America needs right now is more damage. So we want to be accurate.

What we're about to tell you is accurate. It's not a theory. It happened and we can prove it.

Other news organizations could prove it, too, they've simply chosen not to. The position of corporate media across the country this week has been very simple. There was no voter fraud. The New York Times once the paper of record declared that as fact this morning across the entire front page, look at this banner headline, "Election officials nationwide find no fraud." No fraud. None. End of story. Move on and listen to Kamala.

You're hearing virtually the same thing from everyone in the media — everyone. At CNN, the anchors have been repeating the approved message for days. They say it with the kind of brutal intensity that suggests precisely because they don't really believe what they're saying. You absolutely must believe it. Shut up and accept the verdict, America.

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JOHN BERMAN, CNN ANCHOR: Sources tell CNN that top aides are suggesting that the defeated President, President Trump hold rallies to drum up bogus conspiracies about election fraud.

DON LEMON, CNN ANCHOR: The GOP keeps spreading completely unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud.

BROOKE BALDWIN, CNN HOST: The Attorney General now telling Federal prosecutors to look into those unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud.

ANDERSON COOPER, CNN HOST: There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud, no evidence of widespread flaws in the mail-in voting process.

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you.

Right now, fewer than 15,000 votes separate Donald Trump from Joe Biden in the State of Georgia. It's close enough that it is worth getting specific about what happened there. And Georgia's Secretary of State has now confirmed there will be a hand recount of all votes cast in Georgia.

Among those votes, auditors will find a ballot cast by a woman called Deborah Jean Christiansen. It would be hard to find anyone who has got a bad word to say about Deborah Jean Christiansen. She was well-known in her community for years as a bird watcher, an avid gardener, a committed fan of the Georgia Bulldogs.

Those who knew her were sad when she died last May, and they might be surprised to learn that even after her death, Deborah Jean Christiansen still managed to register to vote and then cast a ballot presumably for Joe Biden.

In some ways, it's an inspiring story, the triumph of voting over death.

And no one quite embodies that story like James Blaylock of Covington, Georgia. Mr. Blaylock was a mailman for 33 years until he passed away in 2006. Fourteen years later, according to state records, he was still mailing things.

James Blaylock cast a ballot in last week's election. How did he do that? It might be worth asking "The New York Times." Maybe James Blaylock was just one of those extraordinary mail carriers, neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night nor even death itself could keep him from the mail.

In his case, maybe voting from the grave wasn't really fraud. It was just commitment. OK.

But what about Linda Kessler of Nicholson, Georgia. Linda Kessler died in 2003. Seventeen years later, she was still voting in presidential elections. Edward Swein out of Trenton, Georgia spent his life working construction and teaching school. In his spare time, he loved bluegrass music. According to those who knew him, he played multiple instruments and enjoyed jam sessions.

When he died five years ago at the age of 82, it seemed like he was gone from this world for good. But no. Last week, he voted for President.

And he wasn't the only one. On your screen right now, you will see the names of other deceased voters. Every one of them played a role in last week's presidential election.

As of tonight, there aren't enough of them to alter the outcome. That could change as we learn more. But for the moment, the point is, they exist. They are dead, but they voted anyway. The question is, how did they do that? How exactly did they cast their ballots? And the short answer is by mail.

Dead people tend to vote more often when you make it easier for them to vote. They are like any other group. This year, we made it much easier for the dead to vote.

States sent ballots and registration forms to millions of people totally unsolicited. The pretext was COVID. We had to do this for public health reasons, remember? We had no choice. It was a public health emergency. The effect was to encourage fraud.



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out of every eight in America were wrong. They were no longer valid or they were significantly incorrect. Close to three million people in America had registrations in more than one state, three million.

So what happens if you start sending ballots and registrations to lists like this? Well, you're guaranteed to increase the amount of fraudulent voting and that's exactly what Democrats did. Republicans we should add, let them do it.

Take the State of Nevada where Joe Biden is currently leading Donald Trump by fewer than 40,000 votes. This year, State Democrats and their lawyers made certain that Nevada sent ballots, not ballot applications, but actual ballots to every single registered voter in the state, whether they requested those ballots or not and they did this even though they knew they were perfectly aware that more than 41,000 people who registered to vote in Nevada haven't voted or updated the registrations in more than 10 years.

Why? Because many of these people are dead or gone. But they got ballots anyway.

One of those people was a former elementary school teacher called Rosemary Hurdle. According to her 2017 obituary, Rosemary Hurdle was a loving, fun, sassy and sarcastic in a fun way, beautiful, powerful and inspiring. Sadly, now she's gone.

But her voter registration remains. She is still on the rolls.

Someone received Rosemary Hurdle's ballot in the mail and then cast it. Who did this? We don't know who did it. We wish we did.

We should know. It's fraud. It's a threat to our system and it is being hidden by a news media totally vested in a Joe Biden presidency.

Again, we have a right to know. We have an obligation to know much more about this. But thanks to the media blackout, it is left to independent conservative sites, places like "The Federalist" to report what the rest should be reporting, but are not.

Thanks to "The Federalist," we know that on October 9th, for example, a man called Fred Stokes, Jr. received an unsolicited ballot in Clark County, Nevada. That's where Las Vegas is.

Three weeks later, the county received his ballot back by mail. Voting records indicate that ballot was quote, "completed." Fred Stokes voted for President. But Fred Stokes had been dead for three years. He died in June of 2017 at the age of 92. How did that happen? We don't know. No one is reporting on it.

In Pennsylvania, the state that made Joe Biden the President-elect, there are luckily, quite a few dead voters. How do we know that? Because the state told us.

According to a report from last December, less than a year ago, from the state's Department of Auditor General, nearly 3,000 potentially deceased voters remained on the voter rolls in Pennsylvania. The Trump campaign says it has found evidence that some of them voted this year.

For example, on October 24th, Allegheny County officials mailed a ballot to one Denise Odnish. She died two days before, yet somehow records show the county officials received that ballot back



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Again, we are showing you more names on the screen, just like Denise Gansin. We can confirm that they all voted in the election last week, and all of them were dead when they did so.

None of this is conjecture. It's not one of those bogus conspiracy theories that CNN worries about. It is entirely real. Why did it happen? How can we prevent it from happening again? Those are the questions.

The first is very simple to answer, Democrats did it. They understand that when you send mail-in ballots to an entire unverified voter roll, you can't really know who is voting.

But just to make certain that fraud remained likely, Democrats filed lawsuits in Nevada to eliminate signature verification. Think about that.

In 2019, well before the coronavirus panic, Ron Wyden is a Democratic senator from Oregon sponsored the Vote by Mail Act. The Vote by Mail Act demands that every state in the Union mails ballots to their entire unverified voter list. Whether you ask for it or not, whether you're alive or not, you get a ballot.

There's no other way to interpret this. Democrats are abetting fraud.

This summer, Democrats in the House of Representatives passed something called the Heroes Act. It wouldn't simply have provided quote "automatic mailing of absentee ballots to all voters in America." It also would have prevented states from restricting in any way ballot harvesting. That means that anyone could collect and return bundles of ballots from dead or living voters to polling stations, and there will be no oversight of this at all.

That's insane, but expect more of it. Loose voting rules are too useful for the left to pass up.

In January, Democrats could very well gain control of the United States Senate. If that happens, much will change, but one of the things that will happen, they will pass the Heroes Act into law.

Right now, they are claiming universal mail-in balloting is necessary because of coronavirus. It's a public health emergency, we have to have it. But they are lying. They've been pushing for this very thing for years for one reason: it gives them an advantage because it increases the incidence of fraud.

According to Barack Obama, the most divisive President in our history, if you are against this, if you're against sending ballots to unverified voter lists in every state in the country, unsolicited, you are a racist. Watch.

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BARACK OBAMA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: Even as we sit here, there are those in power, who are doing their darndest to discourage people from voting, by closing polling locations and targeting minorities and students with restrictive ID laws, and attacking our voting rights with surgical precision, even undermining the Postal Service in the run up to an election.

But it is going to be dependent on mail-in ballots, so people don't get sick.

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Obama spent eight years working that scam pretty effectively. But amazingly, a lot of people still fall for it. So, they shut up and obey. But we should stop doing that, because if we care about our democracy, we must demand clean and honest voting. Regardless of the outcome, no matter who wins or who loses, the system is what we must protect.

Sending ballots to entire unverified voter lists, unsolicited gets you dead people voting. And what does that do? It puts us where we are now — cynical, distrustful, withdrawn.

If you want to run a democracy, you need one thing above all, social trust. If you want people to have social trust, if you want them to believe in the system, it's not enough to yell at them on television and tell them that they must believe. You have to create a system that is worth believing it.

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Thursday at 4:26 PM ·

Tucker sums up why we need to end mail in voting to ensure our elections are accurate counts of LIVING registered voters. Great read the pulls together why this election is such a mess and who benefits by it.



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Saturday at 6:39 PM ·

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August 25, 2021

Brian F. Duggan, Staff Attorney
Commission on Judicial Conduct
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RE: Judge Joseph L. Michaud

Dear Sir/Madam,

I submit this letter to express my deep remorse in having my conduct result in a referral to the Commission on Judicial Conduct and to provide some degree of context (but no excuses) concerning my Facebook posts during the period of October 6, 2020 to November 7, 2020.

I agree that my posts on Facebook, which have been shared with the Commission, merit the attention of the Commission, and I wish to sincerely apologize for any conduct that could reflect poorly on the judicial branch. I take full responsibility for my actions. I am deeply disappointed in myself for allowing this lapse and doing anything that would adversely impact my service as a Judge.

In mitigation, but not to justify, I provide the following context for the screenshots that have been shared with you. When I was actively involved in politics, I had used my Facebook page as part of my campaigns and was open to any and all who wished to read or otherwise engage with me or my campaign. When I left politics, I had instructed the person in charge of my IT to return my page to its previous private status. After I made that request, I believed that only a limited number of designated friends could see my posts, and that the public could not.

I have over the years engaged in many political discussions with friends and relatives and we have enjoyed the spirited give and take of our respective political expressions. This was all done in a congenial spirit with active give and take. I would intervene if a party used pejorative terms or made personal attacks and attempted at all times to keep the focus away from personal affronts and on the national political issues of the day. As a relatively new judge (and this is all my fault) I failed to appreciate that I could not continue to exchange comments on political matters, even with close friends and family. I am very sorry that I failed to understand this constraint on my ability to make comments in the political arena.

With respect to the screenshots, most relate to discussions between my older brother, close friends, and relatives. Additionally, most of my Facebook page posts, that were not

included in the screenshots, involved discussions about our children, travel, books, and other items of personal interest.

The opinion letter by the Committee on Ethics states that “The Facebook posts at issue here expressed favor for a specific political candidate and for specific political viewpoints; contained content that gave appearance of bias based on gender, ethnicity and immigration status; and promoted a claim that the election had been manipulated for the benefit of the opposing party.” I deeply regret that any of these comments could reflect a bias on my part. I have spent the bulk of my career in both the military and the law in avoiding any bias on grounds of gender, ethnicity, or immigration status. This I believe is reflected in my service as Chair on the New Bedford Human Relations Commission, my military service as Battalion Equal Opportunity Officer, and my selection as Pro Bono Publico Advocate of the year for Bristol County based upon my representation of low income clients in both the Housing and Probate Courts. All of these positions required regular interaction with many different groups and none has ever accused me of bias. The glib comments on my page do not reflect who I am or what my attitudes are toward any specific group. I am however cognizant of how they could be interpreted and I deeply regret having posted them and even more so in a forum that could have been accessed by the public.

I take great pride in being a member of the judicial branch and have worked diligently to improve my skills as a judge and to better understand those who appear before me. I have worked through some very trying times for my Court and believe that I am reaching my full potential in serving the needs of the Housing Court. I maintain a low number of cases under advisement and am regularly sought out by my fellow judges for my opinions on emerging issues. I have had decisions published in Mass Lawyers Weekly. I am a member of the Massachusetts Judges Conference, the Massachusetts, and the New Bedford Bar Associations. I speak regularly to local Housing Groups and I have also recently volunteered to support the Discovering Justice Program which introduces the judicial system to middle school students through the litigation process and mock trials. In short, I believe my responsibilities as a judge to the community do not stop at the end of the day but continue in all aspects of my life.

In sum, I feel terrible that anything I have done could reflect poorly on the judiciary. That was not my intent and I have been significantly impacted by this matter on a personal level. I terminated my Facebook account in November after congratulating the President-elect and urging people to come together and support our new president.

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Again, I do not dispute the fact that I made the posts in question, or that I should not have done so, and I very much regret doing it. I look forward to promptly resolving this matter with the Commission, and promise to move forward in my judicial role, better educated about my responsibilities to refrain from comments on political matters in any forum, having and promising not to participate on any social media platforms in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph L. Michaud". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Joseph" is written with a large, sweeping initial "J". The last name "Michaud" is written with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Joseph L. Michaud