

Cut to The Chase: How Donald Trump Could Escape Going to Prison & How to Stop Him

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TRUMP IS PREPARING TO FLEE TO IRELAND, SCOTLAND OR UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
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I. A Delusional President?

"Trump's refusal to concede follows his pattern of incompetence & delusions." ~ The Guardian [1]

"President Trump has become a delusional character out of Monty Python" ~ Washington Post [2]

Some of the biggest cases of disinformation being disseminated concerning Donald Trump - in terms of the number of people who believe it - are actually the creation of the media and their political pundits. No, really.

Donald Trump is not delusional about his lies that he won the 2020 presidential election. After all, he is the person (along with his cronies) who had to make up the lies about all of the ways in which the election was stolen. At rallies, press conferences and in phone calls to election officials, Trump claimed:

"In one Michigan county that used Dominion systems 6000 votes had been switched from Trump to Biden." [3]

"13 million more votes were cast in the 2020 election than eligible voters who participated" [4]

"they shredded 3,000 pounds of ballots" [5]

But in court filings, Trump's lawyers presented no numbers at all, making only innocuous statements regarding battleground states:

"The Wisconsin Legislature should be allowed to choose its electors." [6]

"Claims of Indefinitely Confinement were made by voters to avoid Photo ID requirements without proof they were confined." [7]

"Unmanned drop boxes are not authorized in the election code." [8]

Why? Because it is legal to lie to a reporter but it is a felony to lie to a judge. They always knew the truth.

Nor does his insistence that the election was rigged have anything to do with his legacy. All of this false reading of Trump's motives generated by the media miss the most basic, obvious fact:

Donald Trump's only concern is to stay out of prison.

How could he expect his supporters to help him in his quest to overturn the election and keep his freedom for another 4 years (while statutes of limitations run out) if he admitted he actually lost? All the logic and pleading in the world is a waste of time when you're facing imprisonment.

These naïve conclusions continue to this day. They are shocked that Trump won't attend the Inauguration and now more so that the Trump family won't even wish the Bidens farewell as they exchange places. Why would anyone want to be surrounded by anyone other than their closest family members the moment they lose their protection from prosecution for years of criminal activities?

II. The Crime Spree

Donald Trump has been able to engage in a crime spree for the past four years for exactly one reason: a controversial 1973 Dept. of Justice memo stating "the indictment or criminal prosecution of a sitting President would impermissibly undermine the capacity of the executive branch to perform its constitutionally assigned functions." [9]

Trump is also protected from impeachment. He needs the support of 34 (67%) of the 51 Senate Republicans to avoid the 67% of Senate votes required for conviction. Over 87% of Republican voters to this day support him, while Senate Republicans supported him 98% of the time in his first impeachment. [10,11]

But at noon on 1/20/21, Donald Trump's crime spree is over. He faces dozens of charges for banking, insurance, real estate and tax fraud crimes, plus possible Obstruction of Justice and Sedition charges for attempts to interfere with state legislators and the congressional certification of Joe Biden's election victory - not to mention the death of a police officer on Jan 6.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. will finally justify his last 2 year's salary by opening his sealed indictments. [12]

III. The Chase Scene

"The point of a chase scene is never the suspense. The chase scene is the ultimate journey-not-the-destination set piece: Sit back and enjoy." ~ Ned Colin, *The True Thrill of the Chase* [13]

We at Say The Obvious have been watching Donald Trump navigate through the ways he could avoid imprisonment for the past five years. These began with his thwarting the authorities pursuing his financial crimes prior to becoming president in 2016, and continued with the new crimes he committed while being president, to remain president. Add Obstruction of Justice to his rap sheet.

"Trump always doubles down. And then he triples down." ~ Glenn Kessler [14]

Now that the President Trump long national nightmare is coming to an end, the civilian Donald Trump drama is about to unfold. We thought it might be interesting to review the ways that Donald Trump has tried - and will continue to try - to achieve his singular goal of avoiding prison. We invite additional ideas and bets on what will happen next. Please join the fun and follow us on Twitter @obvioussay.

Here's how it looks.

HOW CITIZEN DONALD TRUMP COULD (TRY TO) ESCAPE IMPRISONMENT

Tried but Didn't Work No Possible Way Trump Would Do This

I. Trump Remains in Power

A. As President

- i. **Win in a legitimate election**
- ii. **Win an election with foreign help & interference**
- iii. **Honestly challenge election results**
- iv. **Dishonestly challenge election results**
 - a. **Pence refuses to certify battleground state votes**
 - b. **Congressional Republicans object to certification of battleground state votes**
 - c. **Supreme Court goes along with his scheme.**
 - d. Manufacture fake evidence.
 - e. Bribe officials
 - f. **Threaten state officials to replace vote totals or electors and they give in**
 - g. **Has his opponents kidnapped or assassinated.**

B. As Autocrat

- i. Coup d'etat
 - a. Republican party engineers legally by amending the constitution
 - b. **Incite riots in Washington D.C. or at the Capitol, declare Martial Law, Suspend the constitution, redo the election.**
 - c. By Military force

II. Clemency

A. Pardon (federal charges)

- i. Self-pardon
- ii. Trump leaves office, VP Pence becomes president, Pence pardons him.
 - a. Trump resigns
 - b. Trump is impeached & convicted (with the help of the Democrats!)
 - c. Trump is removed by the 25th Amendment (likewise)
- iii. Pence leaves office, Trump appoints new loyalist VP, Trump quits, New president pardons him
 - a. Pence agrees to resign.
 - b. **Trump has him eliminated**
- iv. Trump resigns, Pence pardons him, Pence makes Trump VP, Pence resigns, Trump pardons Pence, Trump resigns

B. Plea Bargain

- i. With prosecutors
- ii. With Congress
- iii. **Trump confesses and asks for forgiveness, America forgives him.**
- iv. Republicans refuse to confirm a Biden Attorney General who would not forgive Trump.

III. Flee and/or Hide

- A. **Visit another country just before Inauguration and disappear: Scotland**
- B. Leave before noon "for Mar-a-Lago", divert the plane to another country
 - i. With a high standard of living and no Extradition treaty: United Arab Emirates
 - ii. An autocracy that he has been courting: Russia, North Korea
- C. Runs for president hidden or abroad, wins, returns, resumes his presidential privilege
- D. Buys a country - small island - and sets up his autocracy
- E. Freeze him until the statutes of limitations expire.

NOTES, EVIDENCE, HOW TO STOP HIM

TRUMP'S BOEING 757 IS NO LONGER TRACKABLE. ON 12/7/20 HE INSTRUCTED IT TO BE PREPARED FOR FLIGHT WITH A SINGLE-USE ENGINE. HE RECENTLY TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO SCHEDULE A VISIT TO SCOTLAND DAYS BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE.

I. B. i. b. By declaring Martial Law

Shortly after Michael Flynn was pardoned by Trump, Flynn said on Newsmax, "He could also order, within the swing states, if he wanted to, he could take military capabilities and he could place them in those states and basically rerun an election in each of those states." Trump never does anything without getting something in return.

II. A. iii. b. Eliminate Mike Pence & Nancy Pelosi, appoint loyalist as VP, resign, loyalist pardons him

A. Newshub reported, "The pro-Donald Trump rioters who stormed the US Capital earlier this week had intentions of wanting to kill Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, according to those who were there."

B. "If, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is neither a President nor Vice President to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall, upon his resignation as Speaker and as Representative in Congress, act as President."~ Presidential Succession Act 1947

III. A. Visit another country just before the Inauguration and disappear.

The Washington Post 1/5/21: White House denies reports Trump will be in Scotland during inauguration, after Scottish leader warns golf is not essential travel. [15]

III. B. i Hide in a country with no Extradition Treaty with the U.S. - United Arab Emirates

A. "Countries with No Extradition Treaty With US: The Best Places to Disappear Completely - The Gulf States are a set of wealthy countries with no extradition treaties. These include United Arab Emirates." ~ offshore-protection.com

B. "Dubai [UAE] a haven for criminals, where corrupt and other criminals can buy luxury properties without any restrictions." ~ Transparency International

C. "Jared Kushner reps Trump's US in Middle East one last time" ~ dw.com 12/3/20

D. "U.S. approves \$23.37 billion advanced arms sale to UAE, Pompeo says" ~ Reuters 11/10/20

E. Ireland & Scotland (UK) have Extradition Treaties. Trump needs to refuel to get to Dubai.

HOW TO KEEP TRUMP FROM ESCAPING

#1. Declare Trump a Flight Risk immediately. That is not an indictment. It is not prohibited.

18 U.S. Code § 3144 - Release or detention of a material witness: "If it appears from an affidavit filed by a party that the testimony of a person is material in a criminal proceeding, and if it is shown that it may become impracticable to secure the presence of the person by subpoena, a judicial officer may order the arrest of the person."

#2. Impound his airplane & revoke his passport.

His Boeing 757 was last moved to Newburgh-Stewart International Airport. [16]

"12/7/20: Donald Trump's private Boeing 757 is missing one engine. Now evidence piles up to suggest he might not spend another four years on Air Force One. A hunt is on to get the plane to maintenance before he leaves office ... there has been a hunt for a Rolls-Royce RB211 engine needed for one takeoff and one landing." [17]

"Donald Trump's Plane Removed From Online Flight Tracker: Thanks to the marvels of the Web, it was possible to track the plane's flights in real time by entering the tail number into FlightAware, a free flight-tracking service. That is, until Wednesday, when the notice "this aircraft not available for public tracking per request from owner/operator" appeared on the website. Before the blackout, FlightAware logged flights of Trump's 757 from New York to, among other destinations: Shannon, Ireland (where Trump visited his recently purchased golf resort)" [18]

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