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Wherever money is insufficient to bury the truth, ignorance, propaganda, and short memories finish the job.

The Big Lie 2024: A Peek Inside the Ruling Elite's Playbook to Kneecap Trump, Purge Military, and Neutralize MAGA

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In 2020, despite unprecedented efforts to rig the outcome with delayed vaccine trials, suppression of the Hunter Biden story, rewritten election rules, and ballot harvesting, Joe Biden eked out a "win" by the smallest of margins. Now, one year into his administration, the old man is gruesomely unpopular. '70s-style inflation is back, dozens of cities are setting murder records, the Afghan War ended in profound national humiliation, and Biden's signature legislative initiative is Build Back Deader. Endless Covid panic, critical race theory in schools, and the urban crime explosion may finally break apart the Democratic coalition of the fringes that focuses all of America's hatred onto a dwindling population of white middle class kulaks.

All the while, Donald Trump and the movement he created wait in the wings, chomping at the bit.

The American regime is terrified. They moved heaven and earth to derail Trump's term in office and turn him out after four years. Now the ruling class faces the very real prospect that, if the 2024 election is remotely fair, he will be swept back into the White House, more powerful than ever before...

That is, if the 2024 election is fair.

America's governing class and its media apparatchiks have repeatedly labeled Trump's complaints about the 2020 election "the Big Lie." But there is a Bigger Lie afoot, one with a much greater bearing on the future. The Bigger Lie is this: That the January 6 Capitol incident was an "attempted coup," and that this coup was launched by a wider pro-Trump "anti-democracy" movement (as opposed to the anti-Trump, anti-democracy movement known as the FBI). This movement, the Bigger Lies goes, is a "danger to our democracy" and must be hunted down to destruction.

In the name of this Bigger Lie, America's governing class of academics, security staters, elected lawmakers, and media propagandists are preparing to sweep away what remains of America's democratic process. Their goal: To render the 2024 election null, with a preordained outcome that poses no danger to the ruling elite's wishes. And the planning for this revolution is happening right out in public.

This planning is taking place in public because it has to be. America's elites are trained in the methods of the so-called "color revolution." Unlike the palace coups and military invasions of old, a color revolution requires control of the narrative. November 5, 2024 may be almost three years out, but the public must be conditioned if they are to accept what is planned for them.

The Atlantic magazine dribbled out a warning of the plot back in October. In his article entitled, "Kamala Harris Might Have to Stop the Steal," Russell Berman argues that, while it would have been bad if Mike Pence had intervened to prevent Joe Biden's victory last January, it will be perfectly legitimate if Harris does the same in 2024.

For a few hours inside the ransacked Capitol on January 6, then—Vice President Mike Pence helped to preserve the democratic order by insisting that he was powerless to change the outcome of the election.

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Should Trump or his acolytes try to subvert the 2024 election, the last Democrat with any power to stop the steal—or at least try to—would be Harris. "She's certainly going to have quite a job on her hands on January 6, 2025," Laurence Tribe, a Harvard law professor and

liberal constitutional scholar, told me. Nine months ago, Tribe and other Democrats praised Pence for interpreting his authority narrowly, but the next time around, they might ask Harris to wield the same gavel more forcefully. [The Atlantic]

How might Kamala wield the gavel more "forcefully"? Tellingly, Professor Tribe prefers to keep it a secret for now.

"I don't want to lay out a complete road map for the other side, because I think sometimes they're not as smart as they think they are," Tribe told *The Atlantic.*

Ominous.

Writing in the Washington Post one week before Christmas, three retired Army generals further developed the open conspiracy against a free and fair election in 2024. The three stooges charted new waters of hyperbole and hysteria, warning of an impending civil war in the United States requiring, conveniently, "decisive action" from the military to stop a "Trumpian loser." The fix for this grave danger? Naturally, a major purge of the military, and the imprisonment of senior Republican leaders:

As we approach the first anniversary of the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, we — all of us former senior military officials — are increasingly concerned about the aftermath of the 2024 presidential election and the potential for lethal chaos inside our military, which would put all Americans at severe risk.

In short: We are chilled to our bones at the thought of a coup succeeding next time.

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All service members take an oath to protect the U.S. Constitution. But in a contested election, with loyalties split, some might follow orders from the rightful commander in chief, while others might follow the Trumpian loser. Arms might not be secured depending on who was overseeing them. Under such a scenario, it is not outlandish to say a military breakdown could lead to civil war.

With the country still as divided as ever, we must take steps to prepare for the worst.

First, everything must be done to prevent another insurrection. Not a single leader who inspired it has been held to account. Our elected officials and those who enforce the law —

including the Justice Department, the House select committee and the whole of Congress — must show more urgency.

But the military cannot wait for elected officials to act. The Pentagon should immediately order a civics review for all members — uniformed and civilian — on the Constitution and electoral integrity. There must also be a review of the laws of war and how to identify and deal with illegal orders. And it must reinforce "unity of command" to make perfectly clear to every member of the Defense Department whom they answer to. No service member should say they didn't understand whom to take orders from during a worst-case scenario.

In addition, all military branches must undertake more intensive intelligence work at all installations. The goal should be to identify, isolate and remove potential mutineers; guard against efforts by propagandists who use misinformation to subvert the chain of command; and understand how that and other misinformation spreads across the ranks after it is introduced by propagandists.

Finally, the Defense Department should war-game the next potential post-election insurrection or coup attempt to identify weak spots. It must then conduct a top-down debrief of its findings and begin putting in place safeguards to prevent breakdowns not just in the military, but also in any agency that works hand in hand with the military.

The military and lawmakers have been gifted hindsight to prevent another insurrection from happening in 2024 — but they will succeed only if they take decisive action now. [WaPo]

The comments beneath the piece make it clear that the intended audience, the professional-managerial segment of the Democratic base, is getting the message. The most-liked of the nearly 7000 comments on the article proposes banning Fox News from mess halls and other common areas at military installations. Another commenter among the top five proposes charging Republican leaders with treason. "A good place to start would be to immediately remove all service members who have refused the lawful order to be vaccinated," writes another top commenter.

In the following days, regime stenographers pushed even more articles about a supposedly inevitable Trumpist insurgency that will surely rise up in 2024 unless we further empower the professor-managerial class that occupies the commanding heights in this country. On December 20, David H. Freedman, writing in the digital pages of Newsweek, spun up his own fantastical scenario about the upcoming, inevitable Trump uprising.

"Millions of Angry, Armed Americans Stand Ready to Seize Power If Trump Loses in 2024," blared the headline. Freedman further waxed hysterical:

In 2020, 17 million Americans bought 40 million guns and in 2021 were on track to add another 20 million. If historical trends hold, the buyers will be overwhelmingly white, Republican and southern or rural.

America's massive and mostly Republican gun-rights movement dovetails with a growing belief among many Republicans that the federal government is an illegitimate tyranny that must be overthrown by any means necessary. That combustible formula raises the threat of armed, large-scale attacks around the 2024 presidential election—attacks that could make the January 6 insurrection look like a toothless stunt by comparison. "The idea that people would take up arms against an American election has gone from completely far-fetched to something we have to start planning for and preparing for," says University of California, Los Angeles law professor Adam Winkler, an expert on gun policy and constitutional law.

Finally, on Dec. 23, Melissa Block of NPR published a piece entitled "The clear and present danger of Trump's enduring 'Big Lie'." Once again, the focus was on the need for urgent action, *right now*, to check the amorphous danger of an impending Donald Trump coup d'etat. After all, a "failed coup" is just practice for a "successful one," according to a professor quoted in the NPR piece:

"It wasn't enough, but next time, it could well be enough. And the fact that it's been rehearsed makes me worry," [Yale professor Timothy Snyder] says. "This is what historians and political scientists who study coups d'etat say. They say a failed coup is practice for a successful one."

What we're potentially looking at, Snyder warns, is nothing less than the end of the democratic United States as we've come to know it.

"That's just the reality," he says. "And in order to prevent things from being frightening, you have to look right at them and say, 'OK, that's the monster. How can I disassemble it? How can I take it to pieces? How can I make sure that that story isn't our only story?' But it will be unless we tell it to ourselves straight."

The regime media has relentlessly pushed that phrase — "failed coup" — in the last few months.

A smattering of mainstream media headlines demonstrate the crescendo of hysteria and hyperbole emanating from the nation's chattering class.

The Plum Line

Opinion: What Jim Jordan knows about Trump's coup attempt — and what he may cover up

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It involved Trump declaring a national security emergency.



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The choice of emphasis on January 6th as a "coup attempt" is central to the open conspiracy to ensure that it isn't at all possible for Trump, or any other Republican, to fairly contest what could be a very crooked 2024 election.

In the last election, Democrat attorney Marc Elias masterminded the successful strategy to change the rules and election laws in battleground states to ensure a Joe Biden victory. It is no exaggeration to say that without Elias's efforts, Donald Trump would likely still be president. But the crafty lawyer Elias isn't finished yet. Last

year, Elias and his cronies worked to eliminate signature verification, allow ballots without a postmark, create shady drop boxes, and enable ballot harvesters to round up hundreds of ballots with little to no oversight. For the next election cycle, his strategy is even more banana republic. Elias seeks to use lawfare to simply bar President Trump and his allies from the ballot entirely.

Over the past several weeks, Elias' idea has gained momentum. Shortly after the new year, a group of eleven North Carolina voters filed a complaint to bar Rep. Madison Cawthorn from seeking reelection based on his supposed role in the January 6 "insurrection." On January 22, *The New York Times* published UCLA law professor and former US attorney Harry Litman, who said the complaint presents a "strong case." If this stunt makes any headway, expect it to be used again and again, with the left using ideologically corrupt judges and bureaucrats to try to bar the public from voting for the pro-Trump candidates it wants.

Beneath all the posturing, shrieking headlines, and turgid overlong articles, there lies a real, honest truth about what is happening. The left is attempting a totalitarian power grab and present is as "protecting democracy." Kicking one's opponent off the ballot, ideologically purging the military, and using that military to buttress a rigged political outcome? This is the kind of thing we would expect to witness happening in Zamunda, not America.

More and more blatantly, America's ruling class is slowly making it obvious, that to them, "democracy" really just means they are in charge and the policies they support are adopted, the consent of the governed be damned. We're supposed to roll over and accept an over-educated, over-socialized clique of supposed "experts" as our overlords.

Consider this typical write-up from *The Atlantic* denouncing Viktor Orbán's government in Hungary:

Orbán doesn't follow the classic authoritarian playbook of jailing opposition politicians, arresting journalists, or violently cracking down on protesters, as is so often the case in places such as Russia or Belarus. But Hungary hardly meets the threshold of a democracy either—some scholars opt for alternative labels such as "soft autocracy" or "competitive authoritarianism." In Hungary's case, this means holding elections while simultaneously undermining the opposition's ability to compete in them.

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If step one for the opposition is winning, then step two is maintaining the broad coalition long enough to form a new government.

It's a behemoth of a task, not least because reversing Orbán's antidemocratic abuses and creating future safeguards would likely require a two-thirds majority in Parliament. It was this "supermajority" that enabled Orbán to enact sweeping changes, including rewriting the constitution, packing the country's constitutional court with loyalists, and installing allies at key posts such as the central bank, the prosecutor's office, and the media-watchdog agency. Without a supermajority of their own, the opposition "will have no chance to replace Fidesz nominees in these public bodies," Krekó said. "This kind of quite efficient shadow state can block many initiatives of the next government." (It is perhaps a symbol of Orbán's success that he is now the one charged with being at the head of a deep state, language populists of his ilk have often used to rail against a faceless establishment.)

Strip away the partisan shrieking, and what the article describes is this: Orbán can appoint judges, prosecutors, and regulators—a power he has in common with the US president, by the way. Because Orbán's party was so enormously popular, it twice won a two-thirds supermajority that allowed it to amend the country's Communistera constitution. And, despite the fact the nation is supposedly an "autocracy," Hungary still holds free elections. Orbán's party might very well lose in two months. But because Orbán is disliked by *The Atlantic*, Hungary is not *really* a democracy. Nor is Modi's India, or perhaps even Boris Johnson's UK.

In the days leading up to the 2020 vote, *Revolver* wrote about the constellation of NGOs and "election observers" laying the groundwork to ensure a Joe Biden victory, no matter how the public actually voted on Election Day. Unsurprisingly, the Transition Integrity Project was planned and funded by people with direct experience in the color revolutions of Eastern Europe. It gamed out potential election scenarios, with outcomes that ranged from a narrow Trump victory to a crushing Biden win.

In 2020, the purpose of these pre-election wargames was to set the narrative that, if a late deluge of votes arrived to hand Joe Biden a last-minute victory in key states, and Trump protested, this would simply be a desperate, illegitimate bid to cling to power. The wargames also warned of widespread street violence in any event except a Biden landslide. Translation? Vote Biden, or else. The wargames even floated scenarios like a threatened West Coast secession and a military coup to remove Trump.

In 2024, Biden is the incumbent president, so unsurprisingly all the forecasts have changed. In 2020, when Democrats won thanks to last-minute rule changes often imposed by courts or unelected electoral commissions, this was entirely legitimate and in accord with "democracy." In 2024, if Republicans win thanks to changes enacted by democratically-elected legislators and governors, their victory will be illegitimate, and Kamala Harris and the military will be tasked with swooping in to "save our democracy" extra-judicially extraconstitutionally.

Any demonstrations in support of Donald Trump or another Republican candidate will not only be declared invalid and illegitimate, they will be labeled a second "insurrection" justifying a devastating domestic military response against American citizens, Posse Comitatus Act be damned. Lastly, top Democratic legal experts are explicitly carving out the possible position that electing Trump or his closest allies to federal office is simply illegal under the 14th Amendment.

In the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin incident, President Lyndon Johnson seized upon two supposed "attacks" by North Vietnam on American ships to justify his desire to dramatically escalate United States involvement in Vietnam. Only later did it emerge that the second "attack" was bogus, and US sailors had fired upon non-existent "Tonkin ghosts."

As it was then, so it is today. The American regime wishes to purge conservatives in the military and national security establishment, crackdown on gun owners and conservative organizations, assume greater federal control over state and local police, and censor and repress all political dissent to rig the 2024 election. For this regime, the only available justification for such a coup is the specter of January 6, so they must exaggerate its importance all out of proportion to reality, while simultaneously avoiding any real investigation that could puncture the narrative. The one-off incident of January 6 has been cast as a "permanent insurrection," a bloody shirt that Democrats and our anemic overlords can wave whenever needed to justify a new and previously-unprecedented power grab.

This permanent insurrection is the real Big Lie of 2020, and it will become the Big Lie of 2022 and 2024 if the corrupt ruling class can get away with it.

For half a decade, the globalist American ruling elite have stoked fears about "democracy" being in "peril" whenever they lose an election. Now, they are on the brink of overthrowing democracy completely in the name of "saving" it.