

Trump sues Hillary Clinton, DNC over 'unthinkable' Russia 'plot' in 2016 election

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Former President Donald Trump on Thursday filed a federal lawsuit against Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee, accusing them of "an unthinkable plot" to tie him to [Russian interference in the 2016 election](#).

The complaint, filed in the Southern District of Florida, also accuses others in the Clinton campaign and DNC of shielding the former secretary of state from the plot.

"In the run-up to the 2016 Presidential election, Hillary Clinton and her cohorts orchestrated an unthinkable plot — one that shocks the conscience and is an affront to this nation's democracy," the lawsuit says.

"Acting in concert, the defendants maliciously conspired to weave a false narrative that their Republican opponent, Donald J. Trump, was colluding with a hostile foreign sovereignty," it says. "The actions taken in furtherance of their scheme — falsifying evidence, deceiving law enforcement, and exploiting access to highly-sensitive data sources — are so outrageous, subversive and incendiary that even the Watergate [scandal] pale in comparison."

Trump claims in the suit that the conspiracy “was conceived, coordinated and carried out by top-level officials at the Clinton campaign and the DNC — including ‘the candidate’ herself.”



Former President Donald Trump filed a lawsuit against Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee over an alleged “unthinkable plot” to tie him to Russian interference in the 2016 election.

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Trump claimed that Clinton and the DNC created a narrative that he was "colluding with a hostile foreign sovereignty."

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The lawsuit alleges the “conspiracy” was carried out by the DNC and Clinton campaign officials — including Hillary Clinton.

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Trump has long accused Democrats and the Clinton campaign of conspiring to link him to alleged Russian interference in the 2016 election — the subject of unsuccessful impeachment proceedings against Trump when he was in office.

In 2019, special counsel Robert Mueller released a lengthy report on the Russian meddling allegations and determined that Russia did attempt to interfere in the election but found no proof that Trump was involved.