

The End of Trump

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At approximately 5 p.m. EST on May 30, 2024, after six weeks of testimony, veiled threats by the defendant, and intense personal fears about their own future and perhaps their lives, 12 American jurors rendered a unanimous verdict of guilty on all 34 counts against Donald Trump. It is a testament to the American system of justice that even a former President, a man of extreme wealth and political power, can and will be made accountable for his crimes.

Trump is guilty, so say the twelve jurors. The court will determine his punishment on July 11, but that is of little consequence. Whether Trump gets jail time, a fine, or a slap on the wrist is not the issue. The issue now is how to save Democracy and the rule of law in America. Trump has spent years sowing the fields of distrust in the entire American system, from the courts to law enforcement. What will the American people do? Will we support and safeguard those who stood tall, followed the law, and pronounced a fair and honest judgment? Will we protect the judges, the jurors, and the witnesses without whom we would have no justice system?

What will you do?

Millions of Americans have been turned into unthinking, irrational, conspiracy-filled followers of a Hitler-like egomaniac who only wants power. They have been willing to follow him, unknowingly in the black abyss of his new Reich. Will they continue to follow?

Trump is not a hero; he is not a man of character or integrity. He is a coward. He talks the talk but never walks the walk. He said, "Only a guilty man pleads the fifth," but he claims it in every instance. Trump takes every opportunity to tell his tale before the cameras, but he cowardly failed to take the stand in the first Impeachment trial, the second Impeachment trial, the E. Jean Carroll case, the New York Fraud case, and now his criminal trial—nothing but silence when the stakes are real.

So where are we? The trial is over, and the verdict is in. What comes next? Will the American people respect the rule of law, or will many, if not millions, rebel on the word of the fallen leader? Will they take the law into their own hands?

What will you do? Will you stand with the law?

I am an "innocent man," so he proclaims. Donald Trump has claimed that the charges, the trial, the process, and even our system of justice are to blame. His "exit speech" at the doors of the courthouse after the verdict was not one of remorse; it was the same old rhetoric: America is corrupt, and only he alone can save it.

I believe that more of the American people will see Trump for what he is: a convicted felon, liar, and a miserable excuse for a human being. There is a saying that goes like this: What do you call a leader with no followers? Answer: just a guy out for a walk. I see Trump as a man out for a walk very soon. His legions are shrinking. One thousand were prosecuted for their offenses on January 1, and 400 of them are in jail. During this trial, Trump called for his followers to come to the courthouse and protest. But his pathetic calls resulted in “crowds” of four and five people. The legions so failed to show support that he had to call in his cronies from the House to speak for him. Men like Johnson, Rubio, and Getz came like obedient children to echo their leader’s pleas, all to no effect. The American people have become wise to Trump, his lies, and his real endgame, his power at our expense.

My friend in Australia called me right after the verdict; it was morning for them. I asked him, “What is the talk in Australia with the verdict? He said, “There is an underlying sense of relief and a restored faith in the American system.” Our system reaches far and wide.

Enough will see the light and turn away from the dark side that is Trump. He will lose the election in November. He will continue his claims of a stolen election, which will fail in the court of law and eventually in the court of public opinion. The other trials have been delayed until 2025—in no small part due to the U.S. Supreme Court—but in the end, he will be convicted again. Soon, Trump will be a very sad chapter in American history, but with a positive ending, that being justice prevailed.

What will you do? Will you stand with the law? Will you protect those who served?

This verdict is not the end of Donald Trump. It is not the beginning of the end of Donald Trump; It is, however, the end of the beginning of the end of Donald Trump. The Office of the President of the United States is all about honor and integrity, and Trump has neither. Thus ends the lesson.