

## Pardons, Pardons and more Pardons.

Today we hear that President Biden has issued a pardon to his son Hunter. He pardoned him for two felony criminal charges and for any other crimes that he may have committed within the last 10 years. The “may have” gave me immediate heartburn. How the heck do you pardon a person from a yet-to-be discovered crimes? You don’t. But then, the news media and talking heads say otherwise.

Our Constitution gives the President the Power to grant Pardons. Our forefathers in 1776 fashioned that power from the British Law of “Prerogative of Mercy”. It was used to absolve punishment for a convicted person. By law, that “Mercy” removed the consequences of the conviction, *not the crime*, from the shoulders of the convicted.

So, our forefathers granted that same power to the President within our Constitution Article II, Section 2, Clause 1. “... *he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States...*”. To this very day the stigma of the crime survives the pardon as it did with British Mercy, unless additional conditions are given. Like Mercy, a Pardon absolves the consequences (punishment etc.) of the conviction, but the assignment of the crime remains. You become a pardoned criminal.

The British Mercy Rule that was adopted in 1776 related to the punishment of a convicted person (Federalist paper 65). That made sense. Why would you need Mercy or a Pardon if you had not convicted of a crime? Remember, our Constitution inbreeds a jurisprudence belief of “innocent until proven guilty”.

But somehow between 1776 and now, “someone” has added words and things that are not in our Constitution. We are now told a pardon can be given after a conviction, before a conviction or even before a crime has been discovered. Yup, our President says he can issue a pardon to those who have

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yet to be charged with a crime. A President can issue a pardon for a commission of a crime that does not exist. How ludicrous. Where does it say that in the Constitution?. The word Pardon never meant that in 1776 and not with British Mercy. So just who is telling us that is what it means now?

It's Joe Biden, it's the media, it's the left talking heads. The same election group of fools that kept telling us not to believe what we were seeing, hearing or reading. What they are saying is if we find out tomorrow that Hunter used his gun to kill a drug dealer in 2018, he cannot be charged. Really? I think that's nuts.

The United States Department of Justice process guideline rules say a pardon can only be applicable to a convicted person. Hmmm.

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