

Column: Trump, allies are being unfairly targeted

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The never-ending attempts to vilify everyone in Donald Trump's orbit never cease to amaze. From top advisers to future Cabinet members and the waitstaff at Mar-a-Lago, no one is immune.

Are Democrats so intolerable that they cannot entertain an opposing thought without massive, overreaching destruction? Does a challenge to a socialist's core threaten them so much that there are no barricades to stop the crossing of the Rubicon and into unconstitutional realms? If the left's anti-Trump witch hunt is indeed about obtaining power, then there is no longer any schoolhouse rock in Washington. There used to be off-limits zones, but that ended with Trump's first presidency.

In the case of the "Georgia 19," the defendants must endure rounds of overcharging by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. Defendants must live through the nightmare of Willis' dream of destroying Trump's most-trusted inner circle before Election 2024 goes into full swing so that any campaign foothold in Georgia will be met with pain for the former president, should he even get on the state's ballot.

Yes, that's right: The Republican Party's 2024 frontrunner is being challenged in four states on whether he may even be eligible to run, using a Civil War-era provision of the 14th Amendment. The apparent flaw: Trump was acquitted by the Senate over charges that he incited an insurrection, and should have been the end of the matter. But who cares about facts — or laws — for that matter?

In rehashed lawsuits, like Jean Carroll v. Donald Trump, new laws were written to accommodate a case to take down Trump. Although the statute of limitation had long run out, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul is coming to the rescue with a one-time window allowing anyone with a bone to pick to skirt state laws and file for a sexual assault lawsuit.

How many people used this once-in-a-lifetime loophole? Just one: Jean Carroll, to hit Trump.

That's what Americans get when political persecution masquerades as some high-minded form of legal accountability. Another victim of the witch hunt is former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark. Being cast as some rogue operator with no respect for the rule of law, Clark has repeatedly been accused of working to "overturn the 2020 election results" in defiance of democracy.

But, by investigating allegations of voter fraud in Georgia, Clark did not commit a crime. He drafted and advocated for sending a letter to top Georgia officials expressing doubts about the legitimacy of Georgia's

2020 election results, which fully deserved to be investigated. In a state with a long history of election fraud cases, why wouldn't a political candidate investigate if smoke meant fire?

Al Gore certainly did when he rescinded his concession call to George W. Bush in 2000 and then proceeded to ask for a hand recount in Florida, only for the U.S. Supreme Court to become involved and finally shut down Gore's claims. Was Gore an "election-denier" then?

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