Fallout

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Leftist Democrats and socialists are reveling over Trump being conviction on all charges. They wasted no time touting Trump as a convicted felon in their campaign to win another presidential victory.

Whether you agree or disagree with the jury's findings, the behavior exhibited by the Democrats is atrocious and abhorrent on many levels.

Highly respect legal experts, both liberal and conservative, have called the Trump trial a sham without any criminal basis, and carried out for only political reasons – to prevent Trump from being elected for president. The trial was fraught with deception, lying, abuse of justice, and many violations of state and federal law.

Like Fani Willis (a Georgia district attorney), Alvin Bragg ran for Manhattan's district attorney office on the basis that he would put Trump in jail. Bragg, charged Trump with 34 counts of fraud, and it took the jury 9-1/2 hours to deliberate and find a guilty verdict on **ALL** counts. That averages just shy of 17 minutes per charge.

From indictment to verdict, the trial was egregiously and prejudicially controlled by Judge Arthur Engoron, who vehemently hated Trump and his family. He prevented certain witnesses for Trump from testifying, overruled objections from Trump's attorneys while allow the prosecution's objections stand, and allowing irrelevant, salacious testimony designed to demean the defendant – Trump.

The sentencing date for Trump is scheduled for July 11, four days before the National Republican Convention. Many believe that this date was deliberately set in order to disrupt the Convention and to reduce the possibility of the RNC to have Trump as their presidential candidate. Normally sentencing in fraud cases is a couple of weeks to a month after a person is found guilty in New York. However the Trump case is not normal and appears more political than criminal.

There are a number of ways that the hearing can go. Some of which are:

- Trump can receive 4 years in prison for each charge, which is 136 year
- Be given a minimum of 4-5 months in prison in order to keep him off the campaign trail
- Be required to perform community service and/or pay a fine
- Receive no prison time but must follow a set of rules, regulations, directions

Engoron, and Democrats in general, need to tread the sentencing waters very carefully. There is no doubt that Trump will appeal the trial, conviction, and sentencing. It is likely that the more severe the sentencing, the faster that the appeals court will respond, similarly the US Supreme Court give the constitutional violations that Engoron imposed on Trump and the trial.

WARNING

Given the political divide and emotions in our nation, sentencing Trump in such a manner that he will not be able to campaign, could lead to a second **Civil War**, not between states but between people of differing political, religious, and social beliefs.

DUE DILLIGENCE REQUIRED

Any person running for an elected office and whose campaign includes statements to "get" another person should never be elected to that office. Electing judges and prosecutors should always be based on fighting crime and not on specific individuals. Promising to go after specific individuals indicates a great possibility that the candidate will, probably violate or twist the law in order to get a conviction.