Multi-Tiered Justice System

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Tiered: having a number of levels or grades within the <u>hierarchy</u> of an organization or system

Since before Donald Trump became President, the media, Democrats, socialists, and left wingers have been trying to keep Trump from

- effectively becoming president in the 2016 and 2020 elections,
- carrying the duties of the Office of the President, and
- becoming the 47th president in the 2024 elections.

The hatred that some people and groups have for Trump, has led to a plethora of unethical, illegal, and prejudicial actions among those people and groups. While such actions have existed since the beginning of time, it hasn't been until the past several decades that socialists and others have deliberately blinded Americans to creating a dysfunctional society and government.

To understand this threat to America and its people we need to revisit the US Constitution. In particular we need to read and study the Fifth and Sixth Amendments.

Fifth Amendment

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Sixth Amendment

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be

informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

Both amendments deal with the concept of innocent until proven guilty. Through statutes and court decisions, **the presumption of innocence** has come to be recognized as "one of the most basic requirements of a fair trial" (Wex | LII / Legal Information Institute) and was reaffirmed in Taylor v. Kentucky, 436 U.S. 478 (1978).

While the presumption of innocence is paramount to our justice system, there are many who deliberately attempt to **hinder**, **obstruct**, **frustrate or defeat** proper legal justice. This is often observed when a person is indicted, charged, and/or even arrested. At this point, the antithesis of presumption of innocence changes to "guilty until proven innocent." This is the narrative that Trump haters want to push. Justice be dammed.

The socialists and liberal media ignore the rule of law to satisfy their own agendas.

They rely on misusing and abusing the English language, hiding or replacing pertinent information, pushing meaningless labels, and on the ignorance and laziness of people not to question or seek clarity/understanding of what is being pushed. Such actions can be wrapped into one deliberate and destructive package called "semantic manipulation."

Semantic Manipulation

Redefining negative or positive words, phrases, or ideas to change their meaning to support an argument or idea.

https://wikis.evergreen.edu/civicintelligence/index.php/Semantic_Manipulation

An example of semantic manipulation or obfuscation, as it may also be called, is when socialists push for so-called "political correctness" (PC) with regard to perceived groups of people who are "socially disadvantaged" or "discriminated against." The fallacy of the PC movement is that it does not cover all of the perceived groups.

Another example of manipulation is also seen when the same perceived groups claim injustice caused by a two-tiered justice system.

So let's clear the air and instill some understanding about our justice system.

First off, we do have a two-tiered system. In fact, it is a multi-tiered system.

While Article III of the Constitution established the Supreme Court, it left Congress with the authority to create other courts in the government. In 1789 Washington signed into law the Judiciary Act which allowed for the creation of district, circuit, and appellate courts at the federal level. The formation of, and consequential revision, of these courts formed a multi-tiered judicial structure that in many ways has been duplicated at state levels.

If we go back to the definition of tiered, and consider our court system, we can definitely observe the hierarchy of layers in our justice system. Wait a minute, the media and others keep talking about a 2-tiered system that does not treat different groups of people the same. What is that about?

Remember, we talked about semantic manipulation and obfuscation? What is really being referred to is not different layers of justice but rather different application of justice. In other words how justice is applied to one group and not equally applied to another group.

What it comes down to is simple bias throughout law enforcement and the justice system. Such bias has gone on for centuries around the world, even in your own back yard.

Bias is part of human nature and cannot be eliminated. You can easily test this out by simply visiting a high-end store and see how you are treated. For example, dress in the grubbiest clothes you can and go into that store to buy something inexpensive that you want. Do not put on make-up, comb your hair, etc. Observe how you are treated by the staff and the people around you, especially as you pull crumbled up bill from your pocket to pay for the item. The next day, go to the same store to buy the same item, but this time, dress up, wear make-up, comb your hair, etc. More than likely you will be treated better, especially by the same people who snubbed you the day before. This is bias.

Written across the front of the Supreme Court building are the words,



This is not a new concept, nor is it one generated by our founding fathers. The concept dates back to an oration that Pericles delivered in 431 BC. It is also a concept that is embodied in the 14th Amendment. In fact the Amendment specifically states"

"No State can deprive **particular** persons or **classes** of persons of **equal and impartial** justice under the law."

The 14th Amendment has existed for more than 100 years (ratified in 1868), and yet the biases of law enforcement, prosecutors, and justices continues today on both federal and state levels.

The two greatest issues with regard to applying the 14th are class profiling and sentencing disparities. While profiling continues across America, multiple states, the federal government, and the District of Columbia have enacted sentencing guidelines. However these are guidelines only and justices still have the freedom to issue sentences outside the boundaries set by the guidelines.

There are many issues with our justice system that makes fair and impartial decisions in the court almost impossible to achieve. Consider the following false beliefs about America's justice system:

- Justice is blind
- Justice is impartial
- Everyone receives equal justice
- The defendant is presumption of guilty

The facts are supported by:

- Continued of racial and class profiling
- Biased law enforcement, prosecutors, and justices
- Physical appearance of defendant at arraignment
- Absence of defendant at Grand Jury hearing
- Lack of defendant representation at Grand Jury
- Use of media to try defendant in public
- Lack of following the 5 codes of conduct
 - 1. Integrity.
 - 2. Objectivity.
 - 3. Professional competence and due care.
 - 4. Confidentiality.
 - 5. Professional behavior.

While the nation touts a blind, impartial and equal justice system, our system will never achieve true justice until the disparities of classism are removed. To do this, we must first use proper and correct language. The so-called 2-tiered justice narrative must stop and we must call the situation for what it is – Classism.

Classism

Prejudice against or in favor of people belonging to a particular social class. Differential treatment based on social class or perceived social class. The systematic oppression of subordinated class groups to advantage and strengthen the dominant class groups.

Examples of classism (class discrimination) include:

- Races (black vs white)
- Religious beliefs (Baptist vs Lutheran)
- Political parties (Republican vs Democrat)
- Gender (Male v Female vs LGBTQ+)
- Income levels (High vs Middle vs Low)
- Educational levels (College vs High school)
- Employment status (Employed vs non-Employed
- Etcetera

Although these may appear to be separate class groupings, any individual groupings may have sub- classes as well. For example, religious classism may also involve gender classism with regard to overall religious beliefs.

Justice must be applied equally to all groups involved in classism. With regard to Trump, this means that Biden, Hillary Clinton, and others should be equally charged with some of the same so-called crimes that Trump is accused of.

To state that we live under a two-tiered justice system where one echelon of classism receives preferential treatment is patently incorrect. The <u>Arizona Capitol Times</u> aptly described it: "Trump and Biden are not emblematic of two different justice systems but rather two facets of the same coin."

According to <u>Tablet Magazine</u>'s Michael Lind, the greatest threat to democracy today is "the weaponization of national judicial systems by political parties to delegitimize, harass, bankrupt, disqualify, and sometimes imprison politicians of other parties," (<u>https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/our-weaponized-legal-system-misfires</u>).

Our nation is headed in this direction if the socialists, liberals and far-left are allowed to succeed in their agendas. The media is complicit in moving these destructive agendas forward, without even realizing that their own destructing is eminent if the agendas succeed.

Media

all channels of communication, including everything from printed paper to digital data. Media comprises news, art, educational content, and any form of information that can reach or influence people, including television/cinema, radio, books, magazines, music, and the internet.

If we want **Equal Justice for All**, we must eliminate all aspects of classism in the media.

We MUST hold the media accountable both socially and legally.