

Unraveling Trump's Scheme to Steal the Election

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *This article written by Julio from his vantage point in Costa Rica was submitted long before the events of January 6th at the Capitol building and illustrate a clear trajectory ending in the violent insurrection that took place there.*

It is quite common when faced with a complex situation with uncertain results for us to have a Plan B just in case our Plan A doesn't work. In the case of Trump and the Trumpers who sustain his egomaniacal delusions, it has become clear to us now that they did indeed have an entire alphabet of Plans to approach the recent presidential election and win at all costs.

The following is a brief overview of what the Trump Administration and the GOP intended to do either as it occurred or as a carefully planned strategy.

PLAN A Win the election

by whatever means necessary, using a variety of tactics. Some were very obvious like the blatant removal of mailboxes and sorting machines to debilitate and destroy the efficacy of the US Postal Service. At the same time unleashing propaganda questioning without evidence the validity of mail-in votes. They knew that Democratic and minority voters, would rely more on mail-in ballots than most Republicans. Other blatantly obvious tactics was the deliberate and massive reduction of specific polling places whereby a typical White voter would take less

than an hour in line to vote in person, whereas Black and Latinx voters would take anywhere from 4 to 6 hours or more. All this was done in conjunction with the historic and perennial gerrymandering and a myriad of other measures taken to disenfranchise minority voters since the Voting Rights Act was abrogated and the floodgates of voter suppression were opened again.

PLAN B Reverse the Results

Despite all the attempts at voter suppression, the Democratic candidate won by at least 7 million votes. Having lost the election, we all witnessed the numerous failed attempts by the Trumpers to reverse the results of a free and fair election. It was difficult to keep track of at least 60 bogus court challenges that were spawned by the Trumpers, all without any merit, rejected by courts in every state up to and including the Supreme Court of the land. Even when trusted GOP election officials with an ounce of integrity and courage admitted defeat, among them GOP attorneys general and even governors, the Trumpers sought to insult and disparage them as disloyal.

The above two plans did not pan out for the Trumpers, but unfortunately for our nation and for our democracy, the following three plans thus far are in full gear and will infect our body politic like a malignant cancer for decades to come. These are:

Rioters carry a barricade up the steps in an effort to force their way into an entrance to the Senate side of the Capitol on January 6, 2021. Photo Credit: GreenPeace



PLAN C Discredit the Election Results

This massive propaganda campaign is closely associated with a barrage of radical right-wing media spreading outright disinformation featuring Q-Anon, Newsmax, and all the internet and radio minions that echo chamber their incredible conspiracies. That the election was stolen has now become a fundamental belief of millions, as well as of the vast majority of Republican voters as reported in some opinion polls. The unmasked hundreds who gather in DC and in cities throughout the nation tightly gripping their signs and guns doggedly hold onto this fallacy which not only threatens the legitimacy of the Biden-Harris victory and their entire administration, but also that of our own democracy.

PLAN D Disinformation for Dollars

While the mainstream media attention is focused on the entire election controversy as well as the pandemic vaccine and related news, Trump is raising millions of dollars to help fuel his blatant lies and disinformation from a variety of donors large and small. These funds can be used to pay down campaign debts, court costs, or for his envisioned 2024 campaign. That there is an untapped potential for fund-raising among the mass of bigots and ignoramuses in our nation was clearly evident when the young Kenosha Killer easily raised the 2 million for his bail.

PLAN E Threats of Violence

The normalizing and energizing of a durable cadre of Thugs who openly advocate violence against their perceived politi-

cal adversaries. Beyond simply targeting their enemies with weapons of mass destruction in the hands of maniacs, these Thugs even plan such insurrectional activities as kidnapping the Democratic Governor of Michigan, Gretchen Whitmer and holding her hostage for a trial of treason. The Michigan State house was in fact closed down by the threats of these Thugs and nobody in the state administration even attempted to bring in the police or the national guard to protect the Electors who were to gather there and perform their democratic duty.

All of this can be summarized as an attempt to utilize fascist ideology and tactics similar to those used by Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, and Pinochet in the past and today by Duque of Colombia, Bolsonaro of Brazil and Duterte of the Philippines. That Trump is an incorrigible sexist, racist and narcissist is indisputable but beyond his personal rot is the undeniable fact that he and his enablers and supporters, however they present themselves, are fascist by nature and intent. Beyond the many actions that reflect their fascist ideology, the very fact that their most despised enemy happens to be the openly anti-fascist, Antifa Movement speaks volumes for who they really are.

As citizens of this republic we ignore or underestimate to our own incalculable harm, the depth of political ignorance and depravity that Trump and Trumpism has generated among millions of Americans. It is a cancerous social disease that will infect our nation for decades to come. It will require a massive effort in public re-education to bring millions back to a belief in science, in reason, and in verifiable truth, if we are to avert a national descent into division, distrust and decay.

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Ultimately, it is white supremacy that has allowed Trump to refuse to acknowledge the fact that Biden soundly defeated him and that has given Trump impunity for his unethical and law-breaking behavior with Republicans refusing to hold him accountable.

It is also white supremacy that resulted in police officers providing little resistance against white self-proclaimed “patriots” who took over the Michigan State Capitol and U.S. Capitol, but that led to a white police officer killing a 12-year-old Black youth, Tamir Rice, who was playing with a pellet gun outside of a recreational center in Cleveland. A mob of white rioters is given leeway and accommodation, but zero tolerance for people of color, even a child. The suggestion that the police were outnumbered relative to the Trump mob is consistent with this view—even though Trump and his thugs loudly proclaimed that violence would take place, the appropriate level of authority was

not assembled to put down such force, again giving them leeway and the benefit of the doubt.

While Republicans have defended and enabled Trump to carry out his dastardly deeds with impunity, not only have many of them lost their integrity and soul—yes, Ted Cruz, you are one of these major figures—but they are sacrificing their own political party, as Trump himself stokes internal divisions. As an example, while Trump rioters took over the Capitol, Georgia—a traditional red state—saw its voters elect two Democrats over Republicans in runoff elections for the state’s two U.S. Senate seats, putting both the Senate and House under Democratic control. Mitch McConnell will soon be the minority leader of the Senate.

Republicans have created the Trump monstrosity. Although some are tiptoeing away from Trump now while many others are still firmly at his beck and call, all Republicans cannot feign open-mouthed surprise and disbelief about what happened today in the Capitol. They bear responsibility. Many will eventually go down with Trump come re-election time. Was it worth it?

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