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### President Trump's Firing of FBI Director Comey – An Attempt to Cover Up His Treasonous Crimes!

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The day after President Trump fired FBI Director Comey, who was leading an investigation into Russian efforts to influence the last election and possible ties from Trump's election committee to Russia, he laughingly met with the Russian Ambassador, who is a KGB agent, and the Foreign Minister of Russia in the Oval Office. He allowed the Russian press into the office for pictures but no American press representative was allowed in. This act was a slap in the face to the American people. **The American people were denied access to this event! The only record of what went on was provided to the Russians.** His actions are not dignified or respectful of the American people and the office of the Presidency.

In many cases President Trump's actions are criminal and sometimes treasonous. Famed constitutional scholar Laurence Tribe has stated that this coverup is an act of Obstruction of Justice, a crime, a sufficient charge for impeachment and conviction. Dr. Tribe also stated his crimes of violating the Emoluments Clause of the constitution, profiting from the office of the presidency in several instances are causes for impeachment.

My opinion is we need a public investigation by Congress. An independent prosecutor is not sufficient. If you remember Independent Prosecutor Ken Star who investigated President Bill Clinton was a tool for the Republican Party and the Republican majority in Congress. President Trump must be stopped from using the FBI as a tool for avoiding his impeachment and dismissal from office.

Trump being successful in office only benefits Trump. Getting rid of the head of the FBI when they are investigating his ties and his campaign's ties to Russia and Putin are far worse than Nixon and his firing of Archibald Cox in the Saturday Night Massacre. This probably means Trump knowingly got help from Putin and the Russians to become president. He is probably taking bribes from Putin and the Russians to remove sanctions that have hurt their economy. The bribes are probably in the form of loans or financing for his business interests.

What we do know that is fact, not alternative truth, is that he met with Russian oil billionaires, by accident he says. Then we know at the height of the housing collapse in Florida he sold a house he purchased for \$45 million at the peak of the bubble and then sold it during the market collapse for \$90 million to a Russian oil billionaire, a \$45 million-dollar profit.

We also know for a fact that US banks would not lend him money or finance him after 4 bankruptcies. We know his recently appointed Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said as CEO of EXXON-Mobil he would get the economic sanctions removed from

Russia after he had the company purchase billions in oil rights in Russia. The company owns half of Russia's oil rights. One of the first meetings Rex Tillerson had was with the Russian oil minister.

Another fact is that Wall Street tycoon Wilbur Ross is a leader in Trump's economic council and Secretary of Commerce. He is also a board member of Russia's oil bank and has been Trump's financial mentor for over 30 years. Wilbur Ross was instrumental in creating CDOs., the financial instrument that caused the Great Recession.

When Trump appoints someone to head the FBI he will be a front man -- Trump will be running the FBI. President Trump knows that an FBI investigation will confirm that he accepted bribes in the form of loans and financing, which illegally violated sanctions on Russia and Putin. These actions are also treasonous for Russia's help with the election and a violation of the Emolument Clause of the Constitution in profiting from political office from a foreign government.

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## **The New Democratic Vision: Higher Wages with Respect and Dignity for Middle-Class People**

Democrats did not have a vision to address the concerns of the middle-class who believed that they were being forgotten and left behind. The Democratic Party also did not give them hope. In addition to hope for middle-income people, Trump also supported pro-life, anti-LGBTQ rights, and all traditional Republican base values. Trump refuted Obamacare, which is just a ploy to get a tax cut for rich Republicans since they pay an Obamacare surtax so low-income, can get healthcare. Since low-income voters went for Hillary and Democrats, Trump and the Republicans did not get money or votes from the people that need or support Obamacare. So very little constituency support

exists among Republican financial supporters or Republican voters because they don't need or use it.

My vision is for higher wages with dignity and respect for middle-income people. Dignity and respect is reflected by higher wages. This group has not only lost money but their place of respect in their family, community and society. They lost time and money they can devote to family, community, and society by working two or three low paying jobs. Doing this to pay the bills is not a solution because instead of working 40 hours, one is working 60 to 80 hours in low paying jobs.

Here is what must be done. The mandates for the federal reserve must be changed by Congress. Their mandate should be higher wages for middle-class people. The country spent 23 trillion dollars to bail out the financial institutions and the truly wealthy. but only three trillion was spent on the middle-class. Middle-class people paid the taxes to subsidize the recovery, but the truly wealthy actually received tax cuts.

Wealthy people are not paying their share of taxes; they pay about half the proportion of taxes that middle-class people do when we count all the taxes people pay including federal income tax, payroll taxes, state and local taxes and excise taxes to mention a few. Payroll taxes (Social Security and Medicare) have been in a large surplus for the last five years, far ahead of projections but **rich conservatives** keep predicting future shortfalls as they base it on pre-year 2000 data. The money is being used now to pay for the shortfalls created by a failure to charge taxes on the richest Americans. Falsely projecting a possible future shortfall based on outdated information is a scam to lower Social Security and Medicare payouts while they use the surplus to subsidize tax cuts for rich Republicans.

During the Kennedy administration we had the highest economic growth rate in a century with a 76% income tax rate for the highest income group, which is the approximate upper rate of every large developed country today. These countries still have billionaires even with their high tax rates.. We need to revive the progressive income tax system so we can then cut middle-class taxes about in half. This tax

change would bring justice back to our current regressive income tax system and would also raise incomes for middle-income people paying taxes.

### **What do we get out of this?**

We get women's rights and economic equality. We get environmental rights, clean air, water and land, a stop to climate change, a help to reduce children's deaths from cancer, reduce the epidemic of allergies and breathing problems for adults and children, We stop people being angry over money and wages releasing it in scapegoating Blacks, Hispanics, immigrants, women and LGBTQ people. In addition, we end homelessness, we treat mental health and addiction as a disease not a crime, We rebuild families, communities and society with middle class people having the time and energy to participate.

This is what we progressives are good at: Bringing justice, equality, and fairness back to the United States. We could give people true hope again at every level of society. We get to feel safe and secure again in a progressive country and world. We become the world leader again in justice for our own people and the world.

To be the party of the people, we must understand what the people's concerns are and develop solutions to what their concerns are. **WE WILL NOT BE IN OFFICE AND ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE COUNTRY IF WE DO NOT DO THIS.**

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## **Republican Obamacare Repeal & Replace: A Tax Cut for the Rich & Higher Costs or Loss of Healthcare for the Rest of US**

The so-called American Health Care Act is a way for Republicans to cut taxes for the very rich. Obamacare or the Affordable Care Act established a tax on rich people to pay for subsidies for poorer people to enlarge the pool of people who have reliable, reasonable healthcare. That is the whole purpose of insurance: To spread the cost to as many people as possible which lowers the average cost of healthcare or

other insurance. You also save money by providing early care and preventive care to most people. It prohibited insurance companies from cherry picking, that is, covering only the healthiest people. Insurance companies were also prohibited from charging enormous amounts for people with preexisting conditions.

The Republican plan largely eliminates those subsidies and allows insurance companies to charge people much for preexisting conditions.

People on Medicare will pay much more. The Republican plan removes the subsidies for drug payments. The average senior on Medicare would now have to pay about \$4000 more a year for drugs.

A key point to remember is that approximately 24 million people will be eliminated from having healthcare insurance. They will no longer be able to afford it because of an elimination of the subsidies due to the Medicaid expansion cuts. This is in addition to twenty million people cut off due to Republican-run states refusing the Medicaid expansion. So there were 50 million people before Obamacare who couldn't afford insurance and there will now be 44 million without health insurance with the Republican plan.

Here is the state of the healthcare system in the United States. **We pay at least twice as much as any developed country but our healthcare outcomes are the worst.** This happens because we turned to corporate profit-making healthcare 30 years ago. For example, my local nonprofit public hospital has contracted with a profit-making corporation to manage it. It has hired a profit-making pharmacy corporation for its drug distribution. It has hired a profit-making benefit managing company. A profit-making security company. A profit-making high-tech computer company to manage data. Physicians who work there have a practice management corporation. A financial services corporation.

Many corporations are adding administrative costs and profits to the costs of medical care. These are not local corporations. They are not saving money but are adding unnecessary administrative and profit-making costs to care. No other developed country in the world does this. Unnecessary administrative costs and

profits are added from competing health insurance companies.

Medicare for all would cut these cuts and enlarge the pool to everyone. These healthcare corporations target a 30% profit margin per year and they achieve it. A thirty year experiment with profit-making corporate healthcare has not worked. Our costs are twice as high while our health outcomes are the worst. Our citizens are sicker and unhealthier than in any other developed country.

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## **Bernie Sanders on Twitter on**

**5/4/17:**

**“Donald Trump and Republicans**

**just celebrated voting to let**

**thousands of Americans die so that**

**billionaires get tax breaks. Think**

**about that.”**

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## **Trump and the Republican Threat to Women's Health**

The federal Family Planning Program provides funding for low-income women to receive counseling and prescription benefits for family planning services through Title X a federally funded program that provides funding through block grants to the states. Trump's pick to head this program, **Theresa**

**Manning, DOESN'T EVEN BELIEVE THAT BIRTH CONTROL WORKS. She believes that abortion is murder and has been a major right-to-life lobbyist for years.**

This appointment is just another warning about how serious the threats are to women in the next four years and why DAPAC's efforts to organize the grassroots and rally voters is so important. **We need your support to continue this work and get voters to the polls in 2018. Republican seats must be taken over by progressives to put a brake on this administration.**

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## **Trump takes a Dump on Planet Earth.**

Trump has appointed the former chief lobbyist against the EPA to head the EPA. He has replaced every legitimate scientist with the EPA. He has silenced every legitimate civil service employee and isolated them from the public. Now the president has approved The Keystone and other pipelines a cross the United States and Keystone had its first leak even before it was opened. Trump and his EPA flunky are rolling back the restrictions on carbon emissions for autos and the increased mileage targets for cars designed to reduce admissions. Expect more children to have asthma and breathing problems.

On top of this, many middle class and lower income adults and children will not have healthcare to deal with these problems with the elimination of Obamacare. Adults and children will be subject to a lower quality of life and earlier deaths once that happens.

We are looking at an acceleration of global warming and the destruction of the planet – OUR HOME.