

The Mueller Report: Reality Check and Morality Check

WAITING ON MUELLER TO SHOW WRONGDOING? NOT NECESSARY.

- ✓ Banning Muslims
- ✓ Inciting hatred against immigrants and people of color
- ✓ Codifying discrimination against LGBTQ
- ✓ Threatening to invade Venezuela
- ✓ Trampling on the rule of law
- ✓ Putting kids in cages

THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION, which MSNBC breathlessly promised us night after night was coming to save us, which the Democratic Party leadership told us to wait for... is done. We do not yet know the details of the report. But we know that there will be no top-level indictments.

The Democrats are now changing the terms to demand the release of the report. Of course it should be made public. But it's time for the people to reset the terms in the interest of humanity and the planet. Time for a reality check and a morality check!

1) THE PROBLEM WAS NEVER RUSSIA.

Trump's alleged ties to Russia are not and never were the reason WHY the Trump/Pence fascist regime has to go. For two years, millions of people who should have been in the streets demanding the removal of the fascist Trump/Pence regime, have been waiting for and relying on the Mueller Report to deliver a smoking gun that would bring a

"compelling" reason to force Trump out of office. Instead of confronting this homegrown American fascism – wrapped in the flag and carrying Mike Pence's bible – too many people have taken false comfort in the idea that a criminal conspiracy between Trump and Russia put Trump in the White House, not a fascist movement that has embedded itself in American society.

2) THE SOLUTION WAS NEVER MUELLER.

The narrative and the anticipation of the Mueller report has diverted, bamboozled and stupefied people into becoming passive spectators when what is needed is massive, sustained non-violent resistance to demand the whole regime be ousted. The scope of the Mueller investigation was always narrowly defined within the confines of the very system that gave us Trump and Pence. Waiting for Mueller served to channel millions who should have been in the streets demanding an end to the regime into putting up with an intensifying nightmare.

Now, people who are disappointed with the anticlimax of the Mueller report are already being urged to wait for the next bombshell to come out through investigations from the Southern District of New York and other U.S. Attorney's offices. And many sections of the #resistance are speculating, with absolutely no evidence, that there must be something damning in the Mueller report since Trump hasn't tweeted about it. These are absurd terms and an absurd basis for resistance. Meanwhile, all this waiting has allowed this regime to terrorize more people, take away more rights, tear up more rules and norms, threaten more violence, issue more executive orders, throw more gasoline on the climate crisis, and issue more war cries and deadlier attacks on civilians, with a finger on the nuclear button.

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The Democrats, along with the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, etc., are seeking to resolve the crisis with the Trump presidency *on the terms of this system, and in the interests of the ruling class of this system, which they represent.* We, the masses of people, must go all out, and mobilize ourselves in the millions, to resolve this *in our interests, in the interests of humanity, which are fundamentally different from and opposed to those of the ruling class.*

This, of course, does not mean that the struggle among the powers that be is irrelevant or unimportant; rather, the way to understand and approach this (and this is a point that must also be repeatedly driven home to people, including through necessary struggle, waged well) is in terms of *how it relates to, and what openings it can provide for, "the struggle from below"—for the mobilization of masses of people around the demand that the whole regime must go, because of its fascist nature and actions and what the stakes are for humanity.*

3) MORALITY CHECK: ARE WE, THE MILLIONS WHO HATE WHAT TRUMP AND PENCE ARE DOING, GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE BAMBOOZLED INTO MAKING PEACE WITH A FASCIST REGIME?

Without a non-violent, sustained mass protest movement from below, the Trump/Pence Regime will continue to win victories toward consolidating fascism. And that will especially be the case if we allow the terms of "resistance" to be defined by the Democrats working to confine resistance to electing Democrats and maintaining the facade of normalcy while accommodating, conciliating and COLLABORATING with the regime, aiding and ushering in an even more horrific future. Nowhere has history shown that waiting out a fascist regime results in anything except unspeakable horrors.

Our actions must be based on reality, and on a morality that keeps all of humanity in our sights. Let the slogan of Refuse Fascism be our guide.

**NO! IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY, WE REFUSE TO ACCEPT A FASCIST AMERICA.
THIS NIGHTMARE MUST END. THE TRUMP/PENCE REGIME MUST GO!**