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Not even Saturday Night Live believes there was any collusion between President Donald Trump and Russia to win the 2016 election.

In a surprisingly candid skit featuring Kate McKinnon playing Special Counsel Robert Mueller, who is in the process of breaking up with his “girlfriend,” Becca K., who represents Democrats expecting the President to be charged by Mueller with espionage or treason with Russia. The segment was a spoof of the reality television show *The Bachelor*.

When Becca senses a breakup in the works, she demands to know, “So, what? You don’t have Trump on collusion?”

“I can’t commit to collusion right now,” Mueller says, with the girlfriend going through various stages of grief over President Trump remaining in power.

When Mueller suggests he perhaps wants to pursue obstruction of justice instead as an alternative path, Becca draws the line, saying, “Collusion is literally the only thing I’ve been looking forward to for the past year... I’m done.” And then she storms off for short while.

Upon returning, Becca still cannot believe Trump will remain in power: “So, that’s it? He’s just going to be president?... I have to wait two more years for him to be out of office.”

To which, Mueller warns, “Honestly, probably six.”

At the end of the segment, Mueller states, “I feel like we just need to come together as a country right now, and like, stop hoping for things that might not happen.”

Here, via pop cultural icon Saturday Night Live, is an obviously political message. It indicates that the mainstream media and more broadly Democrats have given up hope that there ever was anything to do with Trump-Russia collusion narrative, and the perhaps insurmountable difficulties politically in attempt create a bridge to other accusations such as obstruction, when the first string of allegations was false.

The well-timed skit comes as the House Select Committee on Intelligence prepares to release its findings that there was no such collusion by Trump.

The original allegations by Fusion GPS and former British spy Christopher Steele — paid for by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Clinton campaign — were that the Trump campaign had helped Russia hack the DNC emails and put them on Wikileaks. The dossier, which did not name its sources, produced no evidence to support its contentions. Nonetheless the Obama Justice

Department used the dossier to get a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court warrant to spy on the Trump campaign.

After Trump won the election, the Justice Department doubled and tripled down on its investigation, setting the stage to carry it over in the Trump administration after he was sworn into office in Jan. 2017.

All to prove what we now know was a lie, produced by the Clinton campaign to give it an extra talking point on the campaign trail, and then dangled as some means of delegitimizing the election of President Trump and ultimately somehow unseating him.

Now, more than a year into Trump's presidency and almost a year into Mueller's investigation, and the collusion narrative has fallen to pieces as the American people learned of the political origins of the investigation and the absolute political perversion of the U.S. national security apparatus and FISA court.

We still know almost nothing about who Steele's sources were — if they even existed. Did they represent Russian government interests? If so, then apparently it was the Clinton campaign and then, ironically, the FBI that coordinated with Russian intelligence operatives to undermine the election and then our democratic system as a whole.

On the other hand, so far, nobody has named any Russian government officials used by Steele that the public can evaluate to determine if they were in a position to know the things the dossier alleges they knew. As the dossier is written, it offers second and third-hand unverifiable accounts. It had Trump in a Moscow hotel room with prostitutes at a beauty pageant in 2013. It had former Trump campaign advisor going to Moscow in 2016 on instructions of then-campaign manager Paul Manafort to work on the Wikileaks disclosures. It had Trump Organization attorney Michael Cohen traveling to Prague afterward to deal with the fallout of the conspiracy. The latter of these was directly proven to be inaccurate based upon passport and other verified documentation.

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As a result, the credibility of the investigation, and federal investigators, is in tatters. This witch hunt was initiated under false pretenses. And anything that comes out of it will forever be tainted as being fruit of the poisoned tree: A politically engineered national security investigation into the opposition party during an election year.

When the original collusion couldn't be proven, the President's opponents tried to "move on" to a different narrative that Trump had somehow obstructed the tainted investigation by professing his innocence and attempting to lead the country forward.

In the meantime, there was no collusion. There was no obstruction.

This big lie was simultaneously every bit as evil as Nazi attempts in the 1930s to label Jews and others in Germany as foreign collaborators and as idiotic as the birther movement that former President Barack Obama's birth certificate was somehow falsified by Hawaii state officials to hide the "truth" of his birth overseas.

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Peace through strength has been around for millennia, but President Ronald Reagan made it famous in his battle with the Evil Empire, the Soviet Union. Reagan believed you could only achieve peace by

building up your military and showing prospective adversaries that it would not be wise to test the military might or resolve of the U.S.

Many in the mainstream media and foreign policy establishment have spent the days after the announcement blasting the President for accepting the meeting. It should be remembered the elite of past administrations spent decades trying to solve the North Korean conundrum only to make matters worse by giving in to demands and allowing the regime to stall for time.

What seems to be different this time, is the North Koreans are offering concessions to talk. As noted above, in previous talks nations went to North Korea with offers in hand begging them to stop what they are doing. This time, Kim Jong-un has said he will stop testing missiles if the U.S. meets with North Korea. Additionally, the regime reportedly wishes to discuss denuclearization and normalizing of relations with the U.S.

President Bill Clinton capitulated to the North Korean regime in 1994. The hermit kingdom threatened to abandon its commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), after refusing international inspections. The Clinton administration panicked and sent the modern-day Neville Chamberlain, former President Jimmy Carter, to negotiate a deal to keep the regime in the NPT.

The deal reached became known as the Joint Framework Agreement. The agreement was nothing more than diplomatic extortion. North Korea got \$4 billion in economic benefits along with two light-water nuclear reactors. The regime never followed through with any of its promises in the agreement and continued to advance its nuclear and ballistic missile technology.

President George Bush also tried the appeasement method when dealing with North Korea. Bush famously labeled North Korea as part of an “axis of evil” in his 2002 State of the Union speech. Despite the harsh rhetoric, the same policies of nonconfrontation continued to dominate. It was during the Bush presidency, 2006, that North Korea detonated its first nuclear weapon, announcing to the world it cheats on every deal it has ever signed.

The Obama administration tried nothing new with North Korea. They tried multilateral talks, they tried bribery, and they tried bluster, nothing worked. What the Obama administration did that no other administration did, was finance the regime by way of Iran. The disastrous Iran deal gave billions to the largest financiers of terror in the world, who in turn gave millions to North Korea to carry out a parallel nuclear program for themselves. Many intelligence officials have hinted this sudden influx of Iranian money could explain the recent rapid development of ballistic missile technology by North Korea.

So, it seems pretty obvious appeasement is not working. Enter President Trump. From day one in power, the President made it known that he viewed North Korea as the preeminent threat facing the U.S. and its allies. The Trump budget called for a massive increase in defense spending, including a plan for a 355-ship navy. The President personally threatened North Korea on Twitter and in press briefings over its continued nuclear and missile tests. Trump also pushed some of the harshest sanctions known against the terrorist regime. Many so-called experts believed we were headed for war.

Then it happened. The North Koreans reached out, and with no preconditions that we know about, have asked for direct talks with the U.S. to discuss the possible denuclearization of the peninsula. Why are they doing this now? Why not when they were being lavished with gifts from previous presidents? The answer is simple, peace through strength.

Because President Trump refused to back down, because he refused to beg the regime to play nice, and because it was believable he would not hesitate to decapitate the regime the leadership of North Korea, the enemy saw no alternative. President Trump has studied world dictators and understands one simple thing about them, and that is when you back down to a bully or dictator that is a sign to them you are weak, and they will continue to prey on you.

Obviously, the regime is not to be trusted. As peace through strength brought the U.S. and North Korea to this point, another Reagan saying must also be used going forward, trust but verify. Perhaps the pundits that worked on previously failed policies should sit back and see what happens, after all, they had their chance and made things worse. Give President Trump a chance.

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March 12, 2018, Fairfax, Va.—Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning today issued the following statement praising President Donald Trump and his administration for blocking the foreign hostile takeover of Qualcomm by Singapore-based Broadcom:

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ALG Editor’s Note: In the following editorial from Investor’s Business Daily, the board shows the economy still has plenty of room to grow:

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Full Employment? Even With 313,000 New Jobs, We’re Not There Yet

Employment: The February gain in jobs — 313,000 — was impressive on a number of levels. But it also confirms something we've been saying for some time: We aren't anywhere near full employment.

If you're looking for good news in the latest jobs numbers, it's hard to know where to start.

First, 313,000 was 50,000 more than expected, and is the biggest monthly gain in jobs in a year and a half.

In fact, since the recession ended in June 2009, there have only been six months in which job gains beat this number — which doesn't say much for President Obama's economic performance.

Better still, these employment gains were across the board. In fact, almost a third of the increase was in goods-producing industries, which climbed at a rate more than twice as fast as the overall job market.

The only part of the economy that didn't grow was government, which can also be seen as good news. The federal workforce, in fact, dropped in February, and is now 14,000 lower than when Trump took office

At 4.1%, the overall unemployment rate is at a 17-year low, while the unemployment rates among blacks and Hispanics remain at historic lows.

But the employment numbers also show why, despite these strong gains, the economy is still far from "full employment."

The reason is simple: During the tepid economic recovery under Obama, 14.5 million people dropped out of the labor force, most of whom were able-bodied people who'd simply given up looking for work.

What the February data make clear is that the stronger economy under Trump is creating enough new jobs that it's now pulling many of these people off the sidelines and back into the labor force.

In fact, the data show that 653,000 people *rejoined* the labor force in February, the biggest monthly increase in more than a decade.

The number of people who aren't in the labor force but want a job now dropped by 40,000 in February, after coming down by 137,000 in January.

As a result, the employment-to-population ratio climbed to 60.4% in February. That's higher than it ever got during Obama's eight years in office. Better still, the employment-to-population ratio among those of prime working age jumped to 79.3%, its highest level in almost a decade.

And the labor force participation rate — the share of people looking or who have jobs — is now up to 63%, after having fallen steadily during Obama's years (it went from 65.7% when he took office to 62.7% when he left).

This is all good news. Even so, there are still 5.1 million people who aren't in the labor force but want a job now — a massive pool of ready-and-willing workers.

The fact that wage growth was mild in February — up just 2.6% from the year before — is further evidence that the labor market isn't at full employment.

As good as the latest jobs numbers are, too many people who should have jobs don't.

The last thing they need is for the Federal Reserve to panic and try to slow economic growth out of a misplaced fear that the economy is at risk of "overheating."

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