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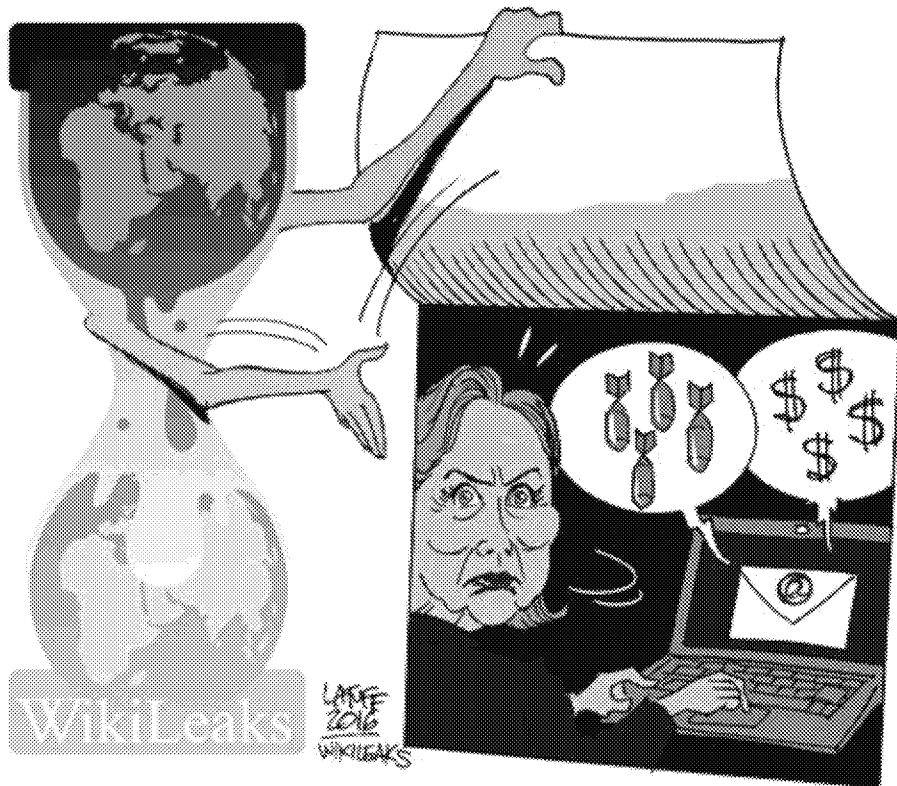
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By Robert Romano

On Twitter on April 20, President Donald Trump has said if there's an upside to the DNC lawsuit against the Trump campaign, Wikileaks and Russia, he said "we will now counter for the DNC Server that they refused to give to the FBI..."

But according to the DNC's filing, the committee may have destroyed all the evidence of the alleged hack by Russia of the DNC emails: "As a result of the persistence of the Russian state-sponsored infiltration, in order to remove the unauthorized users from its network, the DNC was required to decommission more than 140 servers, remove and reinstall all software, including the operating systems, for more than 180 computers, and rebuild at least 11 servers."

Which sounds familiar. Anyway, 18 U.S.C. 1519 states, for anyone who still cares, "Whoever knowingly alters, destroys, mutilates, conceals, covers up, falsifies, or makes a false entry in any record, document, or tangible object with the intent to impede, obstruct, or influence the investigation or proper administration of any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States or any case filed under title 11, or in relation to or contemplation of any such matter or case, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both."

So here the DNC is alleging in federal court that crimes were committed on its servers, they never let the FBI investigate and they deleted the operating systems on all the affected computers, totaling 180, decommissioned 140 servers and "rebuilt" 11 servers.

And we're all supposed to just, what? Take their words for it?

What is incredible is that for almost two years, the Justice Department has just been a-okay with that. In testimony on Jan. 10, 2017 before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Comey stated that "Ultimately what was agreed to is the private company [Crowdstrike] would share with us what they

saw... Our forensics folks would always prefer to get access to the original device or server that's involved, so it's the best evidence."

CrowdStrike, which was hired by the same law firm that tasked Fusion GPS to commission the Christopher Steele dossier, Perkins Coie, got the task of investigating the servers in 2016. As an aside, and very interestingly, none of the major allegations by Steele, which the DNC paid for, appear in the DNC lawsuit. Some of the top alleged colluders from the Steele dossier, Trump himself, his lawyer Michael Cohen or one-time foreign policy advisor Carter Page are named as defendants.

CrowdStrike Co-founder Dmitri Alperovitch in the Washington Post published June 14, 2016 spoke of the lack of evidence as to how it was that somebody got onto the Democratic National Committee (DNC) servers to get the emails that were ultimately published on Wikileaks in July 2016. According to the Washington Post, "CrowdStrike is not sure how the hackers got in. The firm suspects they may have targeted DNC employees with 'spearphishing' emails... 'But we don't have hard evidence,' Alperovitch said," the report stated. Nor was Alperovitch really sure who had hacked the DNC emails: "CrowdStrike is less sure of whom Cozy Bear works for but thinks it might be the Federal Security Service, or FSB, the country's powerful security agency, which was once headed by Putin." Not exactly air tight.

On Nov. 17, 2016 former National Intelligence Director James Clapper told the House Intelligence Committee: "As far as the WikiLeaks connection, the evidence there is not as strong and we don't have good insight into the sequencing of the releases or when the data may have been provided," adding, "We don't have as good of insight into that." Perhaps because they had no idea. Because they never looked at the servers.

In fact, because all the servers have now been decommissioned or rebuilt, and the affected computers erased over, we may never know what really happened. But there should still be an attempt made to find out. Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning in a statement agreed with President Trump about investigating the servers still, saying, "The President should immediately demand the DNC servers be turned over to his legal team's own forensic analysis team in order to determine the origins any hack. Given that the DNC failed to provide this basic piece of evidence to the FBI in the past, it will provide the people of the United States the first independent look at what really happened with their servers."

That is, if there is even any data left.

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**Washington Post hypocrisy shines through again with Amazon**



*Photo courtesy of DOD*

By Natalia Castro

“Democracy dies in darkness.” This is the motto the Washington Post proudly proclaims as the guiding principle of their publication; unfortunately, if this is true, the Washington Post is an accomplice in the death of democracy. While pretending to defend journalistic integrity, the Post’s recent silence on issues regarding their parent company, Amazon, shed light on the real intentions behind their reporting.

Amazon has been under fire for workforce abuse. James Bloodworth, an English writer, went undercover for six months working low wage jobs in the United Kingdom. One of his first jobs, as an Amazon warehouse worker, a job he compared to a prison sentence.

Bloodworth explained to Business Insider, “I’ve worked in warehouses before, but this was nothing like I had experienced. You don’t have proper breaks — by the time you get to the canteen, you only have 15 or 20 minutes for lunch, in a 10-1/2-hour working day. You don’t have time to eat properly to get a drink.”

Alleging unfeasible productivity targets and strict oversight, Bloodworth explained that Amazon workers felt so much pressure to avoid bathroom breaks, they would routinely urinate in plastic bottles to avoid punishment.

Bloodworth's discoveries have only just begun a chain of outrage by disgruntled employees.

On March 21 and 22, 98 percent of Amazon's staff in Spain's largest center supported a strike against the company for unfair working conditions and stagnant wages. Amazon responded by failing to renew the contracts of 100 temporal workers who joined in the strike, according to an April 2018 report in a Latin American news outlet, TeleSUR.

Even domestically, Amazon workers are retaliating against harsh working conditions.

In December, New Jersey Amazon warehouse workers rallied outside an Amazon Books store in Manhattan to remind customers that workers are often underpaid and denied basic benefits. In November, California-based newspaper, The Sacramento Bee, reported of a class action lawsuit against Amazon by California distribution center workers for being forced to work long hours with no rest breaks or overtime pay. In 2011, Amazon's Allentown, Pa. facility were so unsafe that the company kept an ambulance parked outside to take workers to the hospital on hot days because it lacked air conditioning.

Amazon's owner, Jeff Bezos was named Forbes most wealthy person in the world in 2018, with a net worth over \$112 billion; yet, The Daily Dot's Phillip Tracy reports in April 2018, in Arizona, one in three Amazon employees depends on food stamps.

Amazon quietly denies all of these reports. But the most egregious part of their abuse is not just what they do to their employees, but Jeff Bezos ability to manipulate the media to prevent awareness.

In 2013, Bezos closed a deal with the previous owner of the Washington Post to purchase the paper for \$250 million, and the paper has been in his pocket ever since.

While the Washington Post happily publishes articles entitled "The unspoken factor in Amazon's search for a new home: Jeff Bezos's support for gay rights" and "The Amazon stat long kept under wraps is revealed: Prime has over 100 million subscribers", the only time the Post appears to have reported on unfair labor practices was in 2013 *immediately after* Bezos bought the page.

This article even notes, "Amazon won't own The Post. Bezos will. And, in his letter to employees, Bezos appeared to address any potential conflict of interest head-on: 'The values of The Post do not need changing,' he wrote. 'The paper's duty will remain to its readers and not to the private interests of its owners.'"

However, a simple search for Amazon-related articles on the Washington Post's page reveals a chilling fact: all Amazon related articles are positive or informative, while negatives regarding the company's labor practices are quietly ignored.

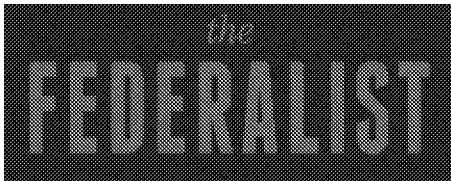
Meanwhile, if one searches "Trump Russia" on the Post's page, they will see articles ranging from "Nikki Haley's 'confusion' sheds light on the Trump-Russia mystery" to "When did Trump and Putin talk about 'hookers'?".

It is clear, while every detail, no matter how ridiculous, of the witch hunt against Trump is chronicled, the Washington Post ignores issues that directly affect the lives of over 500,000 American workers.

If democracy dies in darkness, the Washington Post should be convicted of murder. Their cherry-picked reporting poses a great threat to the American people. For billionaire Jeff Bezos to be held accountable for his actions, media outlets must report on them, so the American people know about them. The Washington Post is failing the American people.



ALG Editor's Note: In the following column from The Federalist, Mollie Hemingway reports on the James Comey memos and how it looks like the meeting with Trump and Comey was a setup to release the dossier:



## Comey's Memos Indicate Dossier Briefing Of Trump Was A Setup

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Newly released memos written by former FBI director James Comey indicate that an early 2017 briefing for then-President-elect Donald Trump about the contents of an infamous dossier was held so it could be leaked to media outlets eager to report on the dossier's allegations. In multiple memos, Comey specifically mentioned that CNN had the dossier and wanted a "news hook" that would enable the network to report on its most salacious allegations even though they had not been verified.

"I said the Russians allegedly had tapes involving him and prostitutes at the Presidential Suite at the Ritz Carlton in Moscow from about 2013," Comey wrote of his conversation with Trump in a classified memo that was released in redacted form late Thursday. "I said I wasn't saying this was true, only that I wanted him to know both that it had been reported and that the reports were in many hands."

No media organizations had reported the allegations at the time Comey briefed Trump.

"I said media like CNN had them and were looking for a news hook," Comey added in his memo about the briefing with Trump on January 6, 2017.

In another classified memo written on January 28, 2017, Comey wrote that in a separate meeting Trump mentioned the allegation about the alleged tape of prostitutes at a hotel and called it "fake news."

"I explained again why I had thought it important that he know about it," Comey wrote. "I also explained that one of the reasons we told him was that the media, CNN in particular, was telling us they were about to run with it."

Of the many thousands of articles promoting a still-unproven theory of treasonous collusion between President Donald Trump and Russia, few were as significant as CNN's January 10 story "Intel chiefs presented Trump with claims of Russian efforts to compromise him." Extremely well-placed sources told CNN that the Obama administration's top intelligence appointees had briefed Obama, Biden, and Trump all about a dossier they took incredibly seriously and considered credible. And it sounded really bad, as the headline indicated.

"Russian operatives claim to have compromising personal and financial information about Mr. Trump," CNN declared. BuzzFeed published the actual dossier within minutes of CNN's story going

live, showing the world that the dossier was riddled with salacious gossip that lacked even a possibility of corroboration.

Keep in mind that nothing we now know about the dossier had been reported at the time. It wasn't yet reported that it was used by the FBI to provide a substantial basis to wiretap at least one Trump affiliate despite the fact it was unverified. It wasn't yet reported that the product was bought and paid for as a Hillary Clinton campaign operation, or that it was secretly funded by the DNC using a law firm as a pass-through to hide its provenance in federal campaign filings. It wasn't yet reported that its author's working relationship with the FBI was terminated because he had lied to the agency about how he wouldn't talk to the media.

After nearly a year of wrangling, the seven memos written by Comey were finally handed over on Thursday to Congress, which oversees the operation and funding of the FBI and the Department of Justice (DOJ). The memos purport to show Comey's version of his interactions with the president before Comey was fired last May. According to Daniel Richman, the original recipient of Comey's leaks who now claims to be his personal attorney, Comey gave him four memos. Four of the seven memos are classified, meaning that at least one of the memos he leaked was classified. By his own account, Comey orchestrated these leaks to the media in order to launch an aggressive special counsel to avenge his firing by Trump in May 2017. The memos given to Congress on Thursday were quickly leaked to the media.

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