

TO: Oversight Committee Republican Members

FROM: Oversight Committee Republican Staff

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RE: Oversight Committee Democrats Push Anti-Trump Hoax Instead of Pursuing Justice for Epstein Victims

I. Overview

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is conducting a thorough review of the federal government's investigation into Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell to ensure accountability and transparency for the American people and the survivors of their horrific crimes.

Unfortunately, during this investigation, Oversight Committee Democrats, led by Ranking Member Robert Garcia (D-Calif.), have intentionally mischaracterized witness testimony and selectively released information with targeted redactions in an effort to create another hoax involving President Trump. When the Majority released the full set of documents, Democrats claimed that this transparency was meant to “disorient” and “distract” from the false narrative they had been attempting to construct about President Trump.

After whipping their Democrat base into a frenzy with absurd promises of finally “getting” President Trump, Committee Democrats have now turned to concocting narratives from out-of-context documents, salacious innuendo, and outright lies regarding testimony and the evidentiary record to distract the American people from their own lack of ideas and leadership.

The Democrats have uncovered nothing new, have released no document not provided at the request of Republicans, and have only succeeded in reinforcing what the American people already knew: President Trump knew Jeffrey Epstein decades ago, President Trump ended the relationship with Epstein, and President Trump did not participate or know about the nature of Epstein's evil.

Committee Democrats have overpromised and underdelivered, and now they paw through every new document production looking for a single term: Trump. The problem for the Democrats is that there is just nothing here. Like Russiagate, the Steele Dossier, and phony prosecutions before it, the Democrats will devise or amplify any conspiratorial mirage before engaging President Trump in a conversation about how to better the lives of the American people.

This memorandum outlines the Democrats' actions and demonstrates how they appear more focused on advancing an anti-Trump narrative than on pursuing justice for Epstein's victims.

II. Background

On July 23, 2025, Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) issued a [subpoena](#) to Ghislaine Maxwell for a deposition. On August 5, 2025, Chairman Comer issued [deposition subpoenas](#) to Bill and Hillary Clinton, former FBI Directors, and former U.S. Attorneys General for testimony related to horrific crimes perpetrated by Jeffrey Epstein. Additionally, Chairman Comer issued a [subpoena](#) to the U.S. Department of Justice for records related to Epstein.

On August 25, 2025, Chairman Comer [issued a subpoena](#) to the Epstein estate for documents and communications in its possession, custody, or control in unredacted form, and announced that Alexander Acosta, former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, would appear voluntarily for [a transcribed interview](#) on September 19, 2025.

The Oversight Committee has publicly released approximately 65,000 pages of records to date. This includes documents from the Department of Justice, the Epstein Estate, former U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr's deposition transcript, and former U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta's transcript.

III. Democrats' Lies About Barr Deposition and Acosta Transcribed Interview Exposed

On August 18, 2025, the Oversight Committee conducted a [deposition](#) with former U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr. During his deposition, Mr. Barr was asked the following by Representative Jasmine Crockett (D-Texas):

Ms. Jasmine Crockett. *And you have no direct knowledge of any of the now young women or women that claimed that they had encounters with the President through Epstein, correct?*

Mr. Barr. *I never was told by the Southern District that they had evidence to support any claim like that.*

Further, Democrat staff later asked Mr. Barr the following:

Democrat Staff. *So, in your experience, you have no doubt, if SDNY prosecutors saw evidence of a crime, they would've followed that evidence, and if it led to an indictment, they would've indicted, and if it led to a conviction, they would've followed the facts where they led. Is that fair?*

Mr. Barr. *Yes, for that group. I also feel, you know, that, you know, they would've done the same for Clinton, I believe.*

I think -- you know, remember, this stuff also went on under President Biden's administration, and they were looking for something to bring against President Trump, and this was -- if they had evidence, this would've been low-hanging fruit. I just don't -- I was never informed of the evidence, and I'm skeptical there is any.

Despite Mr. Barr stating there was no evidence that President Trump was involved with Epstein's criminal activity, **Democrat Ranking Member Robert Garcia** (D-Calif.) [told the media](#) and the American people the following after Barr's deposition:

"And to be clear, yesterday, during his deposition with the Committee, Attorney General Barr could not clear President Trump of wrongdoing. Chairman Comer should release the full unedited transcript of his interview for the public."

The Majority released the Barr deposition transcript on September 16, 2025. The same day, *Fox News's* article, [Bill Barr transcript flies in face of Democrat claims on Epstein-Trump connection](#), stated:

“The House Oversight Committee on Tuesday released a roughly 120-page transcript of former Attorney General Bill Barr’s deposition, and it appears to affirm Republicans’ claims that the former Department of Justice (DOJ) official had no knowledge of any incriminating ties between President Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein. That’s despite the top Democrat on the committee claiming last month that the full transcript did not clear Trump of wrongdoing. [...]

“‘[T]o be clear, yesterday, during his deposition with the committee, Attorney General Barr could not clear President Trump of wrongdoing. Chairman [James Comer, R-Ky.,] should release the full unedited transcript of his interview for the public,’ Garcia wrote in an August statement. But the transcript appears to show that, at least to Barr’s recollection, Trump was not tied to Epstein in any criminally liable way.”

After the Majority released the transcript, Oversight Committee Democrats [continued to dig in](#) on their false narrative, with little to no push back from Legacy Media:

“Attorney General Barr testified to our committee that he had limited knowledge of the investigation into Jeffrey Epstein, or the facts of the case. He could not exonerate President Trump of wrongdoing.”

On September 19, 2025, Alexander Acosta, former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, appeared voluntarily for a transcribed interview to discuss the criminal case—conducted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Florida—against Epstein and the non-prosecution agreement made in 2007.

During his testimony, Mr. Acosta destroyed the Democrats’ Trump-Epstein smear. His testimony confirms there was no contact between President Trump and former U.S. Attorney Acosta and no link between Trump and Epstein in the case.

Mr. Robert Garcia. *So you never -- the entire time you were U.S. attorney, you never once spoke to Donald Trump?*

Mr. Acosta. *The entire time -- let me be more clear. I did not speak with President Trump, with Donald Trump before I was considered for Secretary of Labor.*

Mr. Robert Garcia. *You never had a phone conversation, also not just a meeting, never a phone convers- -- any kind of conversation with Donald Trump before?*

Mr. Acosta. *I did not have an in-person conversation. I did not have a phone conversation.*

Mr. David Min. *Email?*

Mr. Acosta. *We hadn't shaken hands.*

Mr. Suha Subramanyam. *What about with any of his associates?*

Mr. David Min. *Email? Text? Any of that?*

Mr. Acosta. *No email, to my recollection. No text, to my recollection. No associates, to my recollection. He moved in circles that I did not move in, to be honest.*

Ms. Melanie Stansbury. *Did the FBI interview Donald Trump or speak to him with regards to this case?*

Mr. Acosta. *I have -- again, I did not direct the investigation. If our prosecutors thought they should pursue that lead, they were free to pursue that lead. If a prosecutor thought --*

Ms. Melanie Stansbury. *But it is possible that they did based on their relationship?*

Mr. Acosta. *I have no knowledge that any person spoke to Donald Trump with respect to Epstein. I have no knowledge of Donald Trump's name appearing in any Epstein document. I have no knowledge of Donald Trump being associated with the Epstein investigation in any way. I am not saying that it wasn't, because I can't speak on behalf of the many, many attorneys and case agents involved. I can simply say that I have no knowledge of that.*

And let me also say, I think if there was, I think it's pretty spectacular it hasn't leaked by now. But that's just speculation.

IV. Democrats' Selective Leaks and Redactions Designed to Create False Narrative

On November 12, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. ET, Oversight Committee Democrats selectively [leaked three emails](#) out of approximately 23,000 pages of documents received from the Epstein Estate and made their own redactions to deceive the media and American people.

Virginia Giuffre

Notably, they redacted “virignia” [sic] in one email. This references Virginia Giuffre, who [stated](#) that she never witnessed wrongdoing by President Trump. Democrats made this redaction to slander President Trump.

From: Gmax [gmax1@elmax.com]
Sent: 4/2/2011 7:09:39 PM
To: jeevacation@gmail.com
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

I have been thinking about that...

----- Original Message -----
From: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: Gmax
Sent: Sat Apr 02 14:25:45 2011
Subject:

i want you to realize that that dog that hasn't barked is trump.. virignia spent hours at my house with him ,, he has never once been mentioned. police chief. etc. im 75 % there

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Released by Oversight Democrats
with Virginia Giuffre's Name Redacted

Prince Andrew

Democrats also redacted “she was the one that accused prince andrew” [sic] in another Epstein email. By making this redaction, Democrats took away important context in the email that named Virginia Guiffre, who worked at Mar-a-Lago, made allegations against Prince Andrew, and was recruited by Ghislaine Maxwell in the parking lot.

This changes the meaning in Epstein’s email where he states, “of course he knew about the girls as he asked Ghislaine to stop.”

From: J [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 1/31/2019 10:47:52 PM
To: Michael Wolff [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] worked at mara lago. . she was the one that accused prince andrew. . trump said he asked me to resign, never a member ever. . of course he knew about the girls as he asked ghislaine to stop

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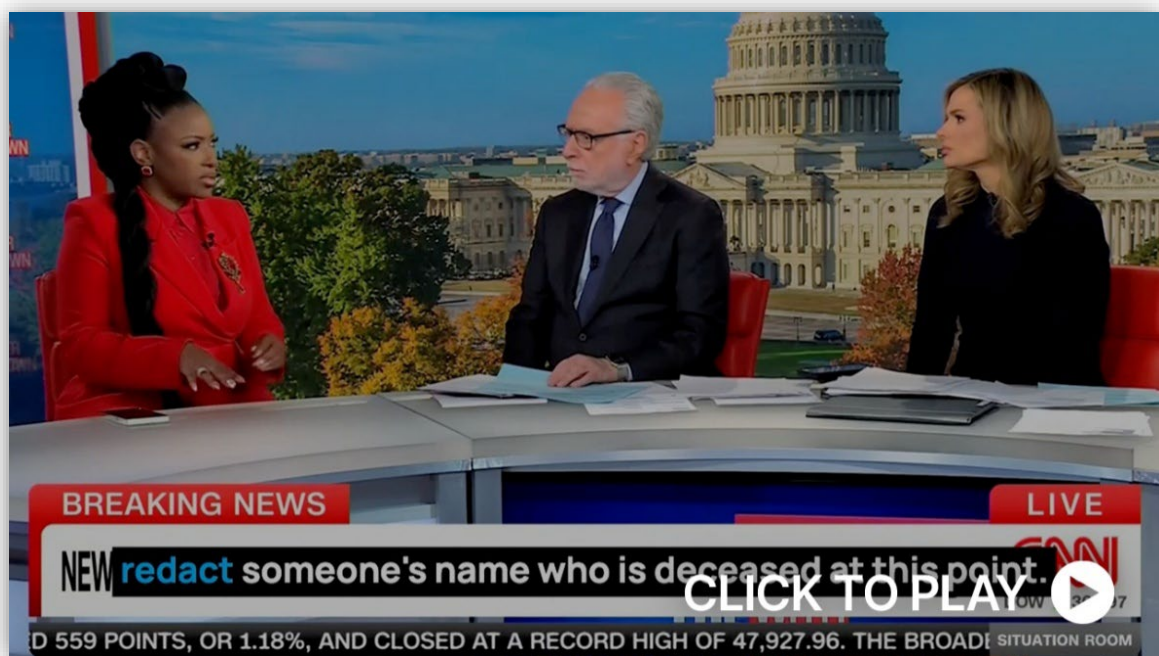
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Released by Oversight Democrats
with Prince Andrew’s Name Redacted

After Democrats made redactions and posted these three emails on X, they made the rounds on television and claimed they did not make the redactions. For instance, Representative Melanie Stansbury (D-N.M.) stated on CNN, “No, it came to us redacted [...] that is the claim of the White House.”



Representative Jasmine Crockett (D-Texas) stated on CNN, “I don’t know why they would necessarily redact someone’s name who is deceased at this point.” The CNN anchor then told her “the Democrats did that though. The Democrats redacted it.”



Democrats have a pattern of selectively leaking documents obtained by the Committee. On September 8, 2025, Oversight Committee Democrats selectively leaked [two pages](#) of documents from the Epstein birthday book out of approximately 360 pages of documents received from the Epstein Estate. Notably, Democrats did not release former President Bill Clinton's alleged entry in the birthday book.

On September 26, 2025, Oversight Committee Democrats again selectively [leaked four pages of documents](#) out of approximately 7,700 documents received from the Epstein Estate.

In contrast, the Majority has made all documents public.

V. Democrats Claim Full Transparency is Intended to “Disorient” and “Distract”

After Oversight Committee Democrats selectively [leaked three emails](#) out of approximately 23,000 pages of documents received from the Epstein Estate on November 12, 2025, the Majority immediately released all of the approximately 23,000 pages of documents to provide full transparency to the American people.

Following this release, Democrats, whose mantra for months has been to “release the files,” told the [New York Times](#) that this transparency was intended to “disorient” and “distract.” The NYT [edited it](#) later without a note.

“Democrats claimed that the sheer volume of the release on Wednesday was intended to disorient, and to distract attention from their revelations about Mr. Trump’s actions during the time he and Mr. Epstein were close.”

VI. Full Transparency Collapses Democrats’ Latest Trump Hoax

After the Majority released all 23,000 pages of documents, the Democrats’ false narrative to slander President Trump collapsed.

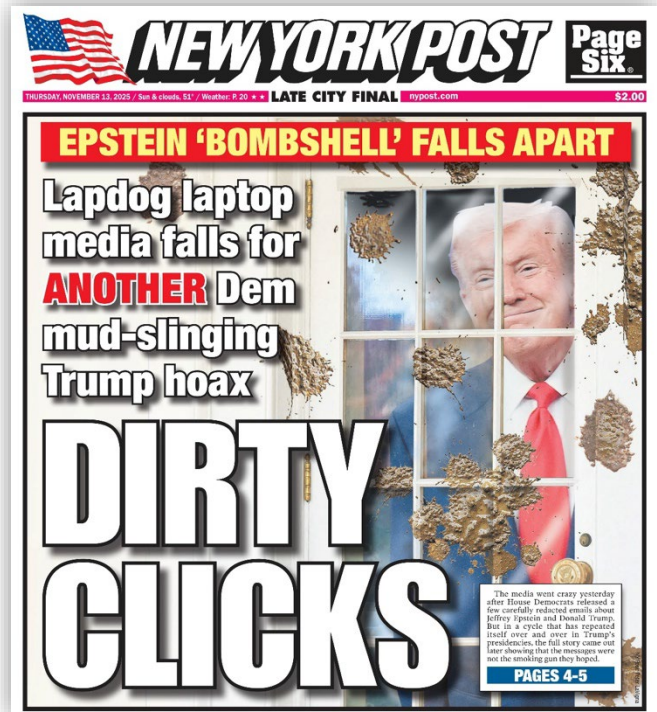
The New York Post's front page on November 13, 2025, criticized Democrats' latest Trump hoax:

And on November 12, 2025, Miranda Devine [wrote](#) in the *New York Post*:

"The party that cries wolf is at it again. Democrats are back in Congress after their shutdown to launch another anti-Trump hoax. This time, it's not a fictional 'pee tape' but the old Epstein horse they keep flogging.

[...]

"Of course, the Oversight Dems, who include such adornments to Congress as Jasmine Crockett, Ayanna Pressley and Rashida Tlaib, left out crucial information that exonerated the president, instead claiming that the emails 'raise serious questions about Donald Trump and his knowledge of Epstein's horrific crimes.'"



On November 12, 2025, Mark Hemingway [wrote](#) in *The Federalist*:

"For the last several months, Democrats have been trying furiously to tie Donald Trump to Jeffrey Epstein. Aside from the fact that this media campaign is obviously not organic, it's utterly bizarre and disingenuous. Democrats simply don't care about ties to Epstein, and never have. They only care that these allegations can be used to possibly harm Trump.

[...]

"In this case, it's much more likely that Democrats in Congress squinted at the Epstein docs long enough that they realized that if they selectively released certain emails and blacked out a key name, they could probably get away with saying they were trying to protect one of Epstein's victims, instead of hiding exonerating information for Trump."

Full transparency exposed how [media](#) coached Jeffrey Epstein to blackmail then-presidential candidate Donald Trump and [even tipped him off](#) about an investigation into him. It also exposed how a House Democrat, Stacey Plaskett (D-U.S. Virgin Islands), [colluded with Epstein](#) during the middle of a House Oversight Committee hearing in 2019 to question a discredited witness with a vendetta against President Trump.

VII. Conclusion

Democrats' mantra to "release the Epstein files" is only limited to any reference of President Trump so they can mischaracterize it to smear him. Democrats are not concerned with transparency or justice. When Republicans delivered full transparency by releasing *all* the recently produced documents, Democrats said it was intended to "disorient" and "distract" from their concocted anti-Trump hoax.

The Oversight Committee has brought in two former Republican officials for testimony during this investigation. For months, the Oversight Committee has sought to bring in former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Oversight Committee Democrats have done nothing to help bring the Clintons in for testimony, which displays their full partisanship in this investigation.

The evidence the Oversight Committee has gathered does not implicate President Trump in any way. Democrats must stop playing games in this investigation.