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| Jihad Report Feb 11, 2017 -Feb 17, 2017  |
| Attacks | 42  |
| Killed | 343  |
| Injured | 623  |
| Suicide Blasts | 7  |
| Countries | 12 |

**Wooly Mammoths on the March**

The woolly mammoth vanished from the Earth 4,000 years ago, but now scientists say they are on the brink of resurrecting the ancient beast in a revised form, through an ambitious feat of genetic engineering.

Speaking ahead of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting in Boston this week, the scientist leading the “de-extinction” effort said the Harvard team is just two years away from creating a hybrid embryo, in which mammoth traits would be programmed into an Asian elephant.

“Our aim is to produce a hybrid elephant-mammoth embryo,” said Prof George Church. “Actually, it would be more like an elephant with a number of mammoth traits. We’re not there yet, but it could happen in a couple of years.”

The creature, sometimes referred to as a “mammophant”, would be partly elephant, but with features such as small ears, subcutaneous fat, long shaggy hair and cold-adapted blood. The mammoth genes for these traits are spliced into the elephant DNA using the powerful gene-editing tool, Crispr.

Until now, the team have stopped at the cell stage, but are now moving towards creating embryos – although, they said that it would be many years before any serious attempt at producing a living creature.

“We’re working on ways to evaluate the impact of all these edits and basically trying to establish embryogenesis in the lab,” said Church.

Since starting the project in 2015 the researchers have increased the number of “edits” where mammoth DNA has been spliced into the elephant genome from 15 to 45.

“We already know about ones to do with small ears, sub-cutaneous fat, hair and blood, but there are others that seem to be positively selected,” he said.

Church said that these modifications could help preserve the Asian elephant, which is endangered, in an altered form. However, others have [raised ethical concerns](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/nov/18/mammoth-cloning-wrong-save-endangered-elephants) about the project.

Matthew Cobb, professor of zoology at the University of Manchester, said: “The proposed ‘de-extinction’ of mammoths raises a massive ethical issue – the mammoth was not simply a set of genes, it was a social animal, as is the modern Asian elephant. What will happen when the elephant-mammoth hybrid is born? How will it be greeted by elephants?”

Church also outlined plans to grow the hybrid animal within an artificial womb rather than recruit a female elephant as a surrogate mother - a plan which some believe will not be achievable within the next decade.

“We hope to do the entire procedure ex-vivo (outside a living body),” he said. “It would be unreasonable to put female reproduction at risk in an endangered species.”

He added that his lab is already capable of growing a mouse embryo in an artificial womb for ten days - halfway through its gestation period.

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“We’re testing the growth of mice ex-vivo. There are experiments in the literature from the 1980s but there hasn’t been much interest for a while,” he said. “Today we’ve got a whole new set of technology and we’re taking a fresh look at it.”

“Church’s team is proposing to rear the embryo in an ‘artificial womb’ which seems ambitious to say the least – the resultant animal would have been deprived of all the pre-birth interactions with its mother,” said Cobb.

The woolly mammoth roamed across Europe, Asia, Africa and North America during the last Ice Age and vanished some 4,000 years ago, probably due to a combination of climate change and hunting by humans.

Their closest living relative is the Asian, not the African, elephant.

“De-extincting” the mammoth has become a realistic prospect because of revolutionary gene editing techniques that allow the precise selection and insertion of DNA from specimens frozen over millennia in Siberian ice.

Church helped develop the most widely used technique, known as Crispr/Cas9, that has transformed genetic engineering since it was first demonstrated in 2012. Derived from a defence system bacteria use to fend off viruses, it allows the “cut and paste” manipulation of strands of DNA with a precision not seen before.

Gene editing and its ethical implications is one of the key topics under discussion at the Boston conference.

Church, a guest speaker at the meeting, said the mammoth project had two goals: securing an alternative future for the endangered Asian elephant and helping to combat global warming. Woolly mammoths could help prevent tundra permafrost from melting and releasing huge amounts of greenhouse gas into the atmosphere.

“They keep the tundra from thawing by punching through snow and allowing cold air to come in,” said Church. “In the summer they knock down trees and help the grass grow.”

The scientists intend to engineer elephant skin cells to produce the embryo, or multiple embryos, using cloning techniques. Nuclei from the reprogrammed cells would be placed into elephant egg cells whose own genetic material has been removed. The eggs would then be artificially stimulated to develop into embryos.

Church predicts that age-reversal will become a reality within 10 years as a result of the new developments in genetic engineering.

# U.S. District Attorney Vows To Charge Obama With “Treason”

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**Acting District Attorney Dana Boente is allegedly working behind the scenes to charge former president Barack Obama with treason.**

Boente is second in the line of succession to be Attorney General of the United States, under a Feb. 9 Executive Order signed by President Trump.

According to various reports, Obama has been working behind the scenes in trying to overthrow the Trump administration, colluding with domestic terrorist organisations to incite riots nationwide.

[Countdowntozerotime.com](http://countdowntozerotime.com/2017/02/15/hell-breaking-loose-behind-scences-us-district-attorney-allegedly-advocates-charging-former-president-obama-with-treason-dana-boente-no-one-is-above-the-law-lou-dobbs-its-sedition/) reports:

With President Obama immediately upon leaving office establishing a [private website](https://www.obama.org/whats-next/) and proclaiming on it that:

“I won’t stop; in fact, I will be right there with you, as a citizen, for all my days that remain.”

Its obvious to even laymen to deduce that  “The Berkeley riots May have been ordered by President Obama himself.”

There is enough evidence for the FBI to implicate Obama for Sedition and treason but behind the scenes there is fierce debate over the fallout including worrying about traitors at all levels of government if action was taken against the Agitator in chief.

Much concerns have been raised due to his gathering around him an “[army of agitators](http://nypost.com/2017/02/11/how-obama-is-scheming-to-sabotage-trumps-presidency/)” (numbering more than 30,000) who he [commands from a bunker](http://nypost.com/2017/02/11/how-obama-is-scheming-to-sabotage-trumps-presidency/) less than two-blocks from the White House.

“Barack Obama, who many claim will be creating a shadow government to frustrate the policy goals of this administration, we’re looking at something that’s coming very close to, it seems to me, sedition,” Lou Dobbs revealed.

Most chilling, though, of President Obama’s “army of agitators”,  is that they are “[gearing up for battle](http://nypost.com/2017/02/11/how-obama-is-scheming-to-sabotage-trumps-presidency/)” with a growing war chest and more than 250 offices across the country and have also begun militant actions, and planning, with other leftist groups attempting to destroy President Trump too.

Why is this happening?

We are seeing the death of Old crumbling institutions. The rats are backed into a corner scared, angry and very very vicious.

The democrats know that they will no longer ever again have the power they have enjoyed because the public is now aware of the voter fraud and the man America elected President will not let it continue.

**Trump To Launch “Major Investigation Into Voter Fraud”**

This means that the Democrats who counted on the fraudulent voting machines and millions of dead voters voting for them in multiple states are dead ducks politically. So what is left for the globalist sock puppet democrat party?

“The FBI have investigation files proving Obama’s links to these radical leftist groups plotting the overthrow of President Trump and the US government,”

The latest evidence was just enough for experts to understand Obama’s plans to support immigrants and form a shadow government. What’s his final goal? Keep himself inside the government Indirectly. Usurp the government with dirty tricks and violent protests.

One Of the radical leftist groups Obama’s OFA Organization For Action or should we call them  “army of agitators” have begun militant action planning already

For example in Berkeley, California, an organization called [BAMN](http://www.bamn.com/) (By Any Means Necessary) that State of Michigan law-enforcement officials have labeled as a potential terrorist group.  Which is a prototype  Obama will spearhead throughout the United states were on “full display” this at the University of California Berkeley when their black-clad “well-rehearsed” militants “came in a military fashion”

Usually there are around 400 of these well trained vicious violent agitators to small protests their MO is to outnumber and beat up the opposition who were sent Allegedly by Obama to stop a speech being given by the conservative British journalist Milo Yiannopoulos—and when police authorities were [ordered](http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-02-02/fbi-allegedly-investigating-mayor-berkeley-ca-inciting-riot-and-ordering-police-stan) to “stand down”, caused $100,000 in damage—and to which their “leader”, Yvette Felarca, said she had “[no regrets](http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/02/06/radical-berkeley-anti-milo-protest-leader-no-regrets/)” over the terror and chaos caused adding that “the left has been far too timid for way too long”. Indicating this will change an more violent protests are on the way.

If this wasnt coordinated by a central command and control center why were the police ordered to stand down? Who had the power and foreknowledge to do and order them to do this?

As reported by the [New York Post](http://nypost.com/2017/02/11/how-obama-is-scheming-to-sabotage-trumps-presidency/):

Obama is intimately involved in OFA operations and even tweets from the group’s account. In fact, he gave marching orders to OFA foot soldiers following Trump’s upset victory. Far from sulking, OFA activists helped organize anti-Trump marches across US cities, some of which turned into riots.

Most concerning about these radical leftist militant actions to US Attorney Boente and law enforcement throughout the land is that the FBI’s investigation into this Berkeley riot, and the [FBI investigation](http://www.breitbart.com/milo/2017/02/07/fbi-investigating-violent-uc-berkeley-rioters/) into Berkeley’s mayor ordering his police forces to stand down, revealed that BAMN had coordinated their attacks with Obama’s OFA Oakland, California, office—and may have, in fact, been ordered by President Obama himself.

Even more disturbing about Obama’s OFA radical leftist affiliations then Berkeley,  is their partnering with a group called Knights for Socialism that has [begun teaching children](http://yournewswire.com/school-kids-kill-trump/) to chant “Kill Trump” while bashing with baseball bats effigies of America’s new president.

US District Attorney Boente is allegedly behind the scenes advocating that a grand jury be impaneled to charge the former president with treason.

This may not happen because  experts warn if that should occur, it could, most assuredly, plunge the United States into open civil warfare followed quickly by martial law.

We are at an impasse and what happens in the next few months will shape Americas future.

**It’s All About the Money**

Immediately following his presidency, Barack Obama has begun marketing the Obama Foundation, which appears to use the same oligarchic formula that Bill and Hillary [Clinton](http://observer.com/2016/09/exclusive-hillary-clinton-campaign-systematically-overcharging-poorest-donors/) implemented in the [Clinton Foundation](http://observer.com/2017/01/the-clinton-foundation-shuts-down-clinton-global-initiative/) in order to peddle their own influence and grow their personal wealth under the pretense of philanthropy. The Obama Foundation’s Board of Directors closely resembles the make-up of the Clinton Foundation’s [board](https://www.clintonfoundation.org/about/board-directors) in that it relies on corporate lobbyists and financial industry insiders over philanthropy experts.

Donald [Trump’s](http://observer.com/2016/10/wikileaks-reveals-dnc-elevated-trump-to-help-clinton/) ascendence to the presidency was enabled by the mistrust that the Obama administration placed in American voters by allowing donors and corporate lobbyists to exponentially increase their power in government. Rather than oppose this takeover, Obama welcomed it from the outset of his presidency. The structure of his Foundation is set up in a way to perpetuate this neo-liberal partnership with the top one percent rather than run on the ethos of the [Democratic Party](http://observer.com/2016/12/pelosi-confirms-plan-to-treat-sanders-progressives-as-second-class-citizens/) at its strongest point, when it collectively opposed financial power instead of allying with it.

Former UBS President and prolific donor to Obama’s presidential campaigns, Robert Wolf, is a board member of the Obama Foundation. While Wolf was running UBS and Hillary Clinton was the Secretary of State, Hillary helped UBS settle a lawsuit with the IRS after the bank paid [Bill Clinton](http://observer.com/2016/07/exclusive-security-source-details-bill-clinton-maneuver-to-meet-loretta-lynch/) $1.5 million in speaking fees. UBS then increased their donations to the [Clinton Foundation](http://observer.com/2016/11/wikileaks-clintons-sell-political-favors-to-clinton-foundation-donors/) to $600,000.

In 2012, UBS whistleblower Brad Birkenfeld was [released](http://observer.com/2016/11/snowden-fires-back-at-obamas-war-on-whistleblowers/) from prison after approaching the Department of Justice with information that UBS was helping wealthy Americans evade taxes with secret Swiss accounts. Birkenfeld received the largest payout in whistleblower history: $104 million. In 2007, when Birkenfeld testified to the U.S. Senate Committee in regards to what UBS was doing, Obama failed to show up to any of the hearings. UBS [donated](https://www.opensecrets.org/pres08/contrib.php?cid=N00009638) over $500,000 to Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign, and Robert Wolf was appointed to Obama’s Council on Jobs and Competitiveness. Wolf now [runs](https://www.bloomberg.com/politics/features/2015-04-29/a-top-fundraiser-for-obama-turns-from-wall-street-to-drones) a commercial drone business, is a contributor to Fox News, and [donated](https://www.obama.org/contributors/) at least $100,000 to the Obama Foundation before becoming a Board Member.

Obama’s best friend and private equity executive Martin Nesbitt is serving as Chair of the Obama Foundation. Nesbitt founded the Vistria Group, which came under [scrutiny](http://www.politico.com/story/2016/06/former-obama-insiders-seek-administrations-blessing-of-for-profit-college-takeover-224917) in 2016 for [purchasing](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2016/12/07/education-department-places-hefty-conditions-on-university-of-phoenix-sale/) the for-profit online university, University of Phoenix.

Venture capitalist and billionaire John Doerr was appointed to the [Obama](http://observer.com/2016/10/obama-blows-off-putin-encouraging-kremlin-aggression-against-nato/) Foundation Board of Directors in 2014. In 2015, Doerr was [sued](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-03-28/john-doerr-s-reputation-marred-even-as-kleiner-wins-bias-case) for gender discrimination when tapes were released of him saying sexist comments. In his industry, technology, women earn [29% less](http://www.hrdive.com/news/study-young-women-earn-29-less-than-men-their-age-in-the-tech-industry/434582/) than men of the same age and are severely [underrepresented](https://searchenginewatch.com/2016/09/29/just-36-of-people-entering-the-tech-industry-are-women/) at every level. Doerr donated between $500,000 to $1,000,000 to the Obama Foundation.

Former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick was also announced as a Board Member of the Obama Foundation. After leaving office in 2015, Patrick [joined](https://www.baincapital.com/people/deval-patrick) Bain Capital, Mitt Romney’s venture capital group, which was a frequent [target](http://articles.latimes.com/2012/jul/13/nation/la-na-bain-capital-20120713) for being an [outsourcing pioneer](https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/post/obama-ad-calls-mitt-romneys-bain-capital-firm-a-vampire/2012/05/14/gIQA25BdOU_blog.html) in Obama’s 2012 presidential campaign.

The Obama Foundation’s website says that Obama is “helping responsible homeowners stay in their homes.” This rhetoric implies that the blame of foreclosures, which was a catalyst to the 2008 economic recession, falls on homeowners and not the banks who exploited them using predatory practices for their own profit. In truth, blaming and attacking the poor, working, and middle class under the pretenses of personal responsibility has become a hallmark of neo-liberalism, thereby broadening the disconnect [Democrats](http://observer.com/2016/11/democrats-already-planning-to-screw-up-2020-presidential-race/) have with their voters.

Just as how [Democratic](http://observer.com/2016/09/former-democratic-congressional-candidate-says-hillary-stole-nevada/) partisans blindly defended the [Clinton Foundation](http://observer.com/2016/11/foreign-donors-begin-pulling-out-from-clinton-foundation/), they will likely do the same with the Obama Foundation, no matter whether the Obamas use it to increase their wealth or elevate Michelle [Obama’s](http://observer.com/2016/02/russian-tv-trashes-michelle-obama/) political prospects. Honestly confronting the elitism that has co-opted the [Democratic Party](http://observer.com/2017/01/democrats-need-to-learn-how-to-win-elections/) under Obama’s Administration and Hillary [Clinton’s](http://observer.com/2016/11/bernie-sanders-abandons-clinton-in-final-week/) presidential campaign is essential to preventing similarly flawed candidates from ascending the party’s ranks.

**The Coming Coup Attempt: Seditious Acts**

When former President Barack Obama said he [was “heartened” by anti-Trump protests,](http://nypost.com/2017/01/30/obama-says-hes-heartened-by-backlash-to-trumps-ban/) he was sending a message of approval to his troops. Troops? Yes, Obama has an army of agitators — numbering more than 30,000 — who will fight his Republican successor at every turn of his historic presidency. And Obama will command them from a bunker less than two miles from the White House.

In what’s shaping up to be a highly unusual post-presidency, Obama isn’t just staying behind in Washington. He’s working behind the scenes to set up what will effectively be a shadow government to not only protect his threatened legacy, but to sabotage the incoming administration and its popular “America First” agenda.

He’s doing it through a network of leftist nonprofits led by Organizing for Action. Normally you’d expect an organization set up to support a politician and his agenda to close up shop after that candidate leaves office, but not Obama’s OFA. Rather, it’s gearing up for battle, with a growing war chest and more than 250 offices across the country.

Since Donald Trump’s election, this little-known but well-funded protesting arm has beefed up staff and ramped up recruitment of young liberal activists, declaring on its website, “We’re not backing down.” Determined to salvage Obama’s legacy, it’s drawing battle lines on immigration, ObamaCare, race relations and climate change.

Obama is intimately involved in OFA operations and even tweets from the group’s account. In fact, he gave marching orders to OFA foot soldiers following Trump’s upset victory.

“It is fine for everybody to feel stressed, sad, discouraged,” he said in a conference call from the White House. “But get over it.” He demanded they “move forward to protect what we’ve accomplished.”

## SEE ALSO

### [How Obama is bankrolling a nonstop protest against invented outrage](http://nypost.com/2015/11/14/how-obama-is-bankrolling-a-non-stop-protest-against-invented-outrage/)

“Now is the time for some organizing,” he said. “So don’t mope.”

Far from sulking, OFA activists helped organize anti-Trump marches across US cities, some of which turned into riots. After Trump issued a [temporary ban on immigration from seven terror-prone Muslim nations](http://nypost.com/2017/01/27/trump-signs-executive-order-for-extreme-vetting-of-immigrants/), the demonstrators [jammed airports](http://nypost.com/2017/01/29/massive-protests-erupt-at-airports-across-us-after-trumps-immigrant-ban/), chanting: “No ban, no wall, sanctuary for all!”

Run by old Obama aides and campaign workers, federal tax records show “nonpartisan” OFA marshals 32,525 volunteers nationwide. Registered as a 501(c)(4), it doesn’t have to disclose its donors, but they’ve been generous. OFA has raised more than $40 million in contributions and grants since evolving from Obama’s campaign organization Obama for America in 2013.

OFA, in IRS filings, says it trains young activists to develop “organizing skills.” Armed with Obama’s 2012 campaign database, OFA plans to get out the vote for Democratic candidates it’s grooming to win back Congress and erect a wall of resistance to Trump at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

It will be aided in that effort by the Obama Foundation, run by Obama’s former political director, and the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, launched last month by Obama pal Eric Holder to end what he and Obama call GOP “gerrymandering” of congressional districts.

Obama will be overseeing it all from a shadow White House located within two miles of Trump. It features a mansion, which he’s fortifying with construction of a tall brick perimeter, and a nearby taxpayer-funded office with his own chief of staff and press secretary. Michelle Obama will also open an office there, along with the Obama Foundation.

The 55-year-old Obama is not content to go quietly into the night like other ex-presidents.

Critical to the fight is rebuilding the ravaged Democratic Party. Obama hopes to install his former civil rights chief Tom Perez at the helm of the Democratic National Committee.

Perez is running for the vacant DNC chairmanship, vowing, “It’s time to organize and fight . . . We must stand up to protect President Obama’s accomplishments,” while also promising, “We’re going to build the strongest grassroots organizing force this country has ever seen.”

The 55-year-old Obama is not content to go quietly into the night like other ex-presidents.

“You’re going to see me early next year,” he told his OFA troops after the election, “and we’re going to be in a position where we can start cooking up all kinds of great stuff.”

Added the ex-president: “Point is, I’m still fired up and ready to go.”

**The War Between the Statists**

Once out of office, ex-presidents usually fade into private life and stay out of politics. They write memoirs, serve on corporate boards, and start charitable foundations. George W. Bush retired to his ranch in Texas and, most recently, [painted portraits of veterans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan](http://www.redstate.com/prevaila/2016/11/13/george-w.-bush-paints-portraits-veterans-injured-carrying-orders/). Bill Clinton was briefly thrust back into politics during Hillary’s two failed presidential campaigns, but most of his post-White House career consisted of flying around the world raising boatloads of money for his family’s now-defunct charity.

There are exceptions, of course. Jimmy Carter threw himself into international diplomacy, mediating an agreement in 1994 to return exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power in Haiti, and generally agitating for a Palestinian state.

Then there is Obama. Less than a month out of office, the broad contours of Obama’s post-presidency career are already taking shape. Obama and his loyalists, it seems, will remain in the center of the political fray, officially and unofficially, in an organized effort to undermine the Trump administration.

The bizarre scandal now unfolding over the resignation of national security advisor Michael Flynn is a case in point. Flynn’s resignation was prompted by a series of [coordinated and anonymous leaks](http://freebeacon.com/national-security/former-obama-officials-loyalists-waged-campaign-oust-flynn/) from current and former Obama administration officials in our domestic intelligence agencies.

Regardless of any valid criticism of Flynn, the leaks are part of a larger, loosely organized effort now underway to preserve Obama’s legacy. This effort involves Obama-era officials still inside the federal government, former Obama staffers working in the private sector, and Obama himself.

This isn’t some conspiracy theory. After the election, Obama indicated he intends to stay involved in the political fray. In an email to his supporters on his last day in office, Obama encouraged them to stay engaged, promising “I’ll be right there with you every step of the way.” Less than two weeks later, he issued a statement saying he was “heartened” by anti-Trump protests over the executive order on immigration.

## Obama Is Jumping Back Into The Political Fray

But there’s more to all this than Obama issuing solidarity statements to Trump protestors. For one thing, the former president isn’t moving back to Chicago. The Obama family will remain in Washington DC, within a couple miles of the White House, for the next two years as Obama’s youngest daughter finishes high school.

From there, Obama will help direct his new foundation, which he has said will be a “startup for citizenship.” That could mean a lot things, but in light of his other plans it suggests the Obama Foundation will be a political grassroots organization designed to mobilize progressive activists.

Obama has also announced he’ll be working with former Attorney General Eric Holder on a political action group called the National Democratic Redistricting Committee. Its goal is to get Democrats elected at the state and local level ahead of the next redrawing of congressional districts. Last month, [Obama reportedly met with](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jan/19/president-obama-plans-to-stay-in-political-foray-s/) Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe to strategize about redistricting.

In addition to these pursuits, the former president will likely play a prominent role in a network of progressive nonprofits, most notably Organizing for Action, the political group that grew out of Obama’s first campaign. OFA has kept a low profile in recent years, and if Clinton had won it likely would have shut down.

But last week, OFA officials told NBC News the organization was [ramping up operations nationwide](http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/obama-aligned-organizing-action-relaunches-trump-era-n719311) in an effort to preserve Obama’s signature achievements like the Affordable Care Act. As part of that effort, the group recently hired 14 field organizers in key states, adding to a growing infrastructure that boasts more than 250 offices nationwide and more than 32,000 volunteers.

## Former Obama Staffers Are Speaking Out

I am reminded of a scene in the Outlaw Josie Wales when the ferryman sees Clint Eastwood riding toward him. He can’t decide which song to sing, so he begins with “I wish I was in Dixie. Then he squints to see some more details and breaks into Glory Glory Hallelujah. That is what is going on now in Washington. Heartened by their swift and decisive victor over Flynn, Obama’s top aides and staffers are springing into action, as well. Former Obama staffer Tommy Vietor [told the Daily Beast](http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2017/01/09/the-keepin-it-1600-guys-launch-crooked-media-to-counter-trump.html) that, had Clinton won, “I would have been inclined to feel comfortable that Obama’s legacy and the things we worked on were safe.”

Instead, Vietor, along with former Obama administration staffers Jon Favreau and Jon Lovett, are launching a new podcast, Pod Save America, under their new joint media venture, Crooked Media.

The purpose of the company should be fairly obvious. “In the battle between Donald Trump and the media, we are firmly on the side of the media,” Favreau told the Daily Beast, adding that he’s not interested in “the veneer of objectivity.” “We’re always going to be Obama guys, we’re very open and honest about that.”

Favreau has also been helping create Obama’s new foundation, whose mission, he says, “is to get people involved in civic life and get people engaged in politics.” Of Crooked Media, Favreau says, “I think we would very much like to be the media company version of that. So it’s certainly inspired by a lot of what Obama has talked about in terms of the media over the last several months.”

A host of other former Obama staffers have simply taken to social media to voice their opposition to Trump. One former senior administration official [told Yahoo News](https://www.yahoo.com/news/obamas-white-house-alumni-fight-trump-tweet-for-tweet-earlier-and-harder-than-ever-before-115731181.html), “There are more than a few of us who believe deeply in holding this administration’s feet to the fire—especially when they offer falsehoods to the American people and distort our record. We have an email chain going where we share impressions, etc.”

As the leaks keep flowing from our intelligence agencies and the tweets keep flying from former Obama officials, keep in mind that although we haven’t heard much from Obama himself yet, the Trump administration is going to keep feeling the disruptions of what amounts to a shadow government.

Obama had eight years in the White House to secure his legacy. Any efforts on his part to undermine his successor aren’t just an affront to the principles of our democracy, they’re an admission that he and his acolytes never put much stock in democracy to begin with.

**Tillerson Fires Back**

The draining of the swamp has officially begun.

While Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is on his first trip overseas, he had his close aides fire staff at the State Department on Thursday.

Much of seventh-floor staff, who work for the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources and the Counselor offices, were told today that their services were no longer needed.

However, those who work on the seventh-floor are no ordinary employees.

That’s because the “7th floor” is known as the home to powerful, high-ranking State Department officials who did everything in their power to shield Hillary Clinton from justice. As the NY Post reported last October:

“The FBI released the summary of an interview that revealed a cabal at State that oversaw the email release — a “powerful group of very high-ranking STATE officials that some referred to as ‘The 7th Floor Group’ or as ‘The Shadow Government.’ This group met every Wednesday afternoon to discuss . . . everything CLINTON-related to FOIA/Congressional inquiries.'”

“Imagine officials high in the George W. Bush administration calling themelves ‘the Shadow Government’ as they oversaw a supposedly nonpartisan release of documents that could sink the White House hopes of its former boss,” the Post concluded.

Millions of Americans feel like this action should be taken with every single department, bureau, agency, and administration. Fire 1/7th of the staff, starting with the very top people.

**Judicial Watch**

In light of the recent flurry of leaks by the so-called "deep state", which include such agencies as the NSA and FBI and which last week lead to the resignation of James Clapper after a phone recording of his  phone conversation with the Russian ambassador was leaked to the WaPo and other anti-Trump publications, an article published on January 12 by the NYT has generated renewed interest. One month ago, [the NYT reported](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/12/us/politics/nsa-gets-more-latitude-to-share-intercepted-communications.html?_r=0) that "In its final days, the Obama administration expanded the power of the National Security Agency **to share globally intercepted personal communications with the government’s 16 other intelligence agencies before applying privacy protections**."

The new rules significantly relax longstanding limits on what the N.S.A. may do with the information gathered by its most powerful surveillance operations, which are largely unregulated by American wiretapping laws. These include collecting satellite transmissions, phone calls and emails that cross network switches abroad, and messages between people abroad that cross domestic network switches. The change means that far more officials will be searching through raw data. Essentially, the government is reducing the risk that the N.S.A. will fail to recognize that a piece of information would be valuable to another agency, but increasing the risk that officials will see private information about innocent people.

While previously the N.S.A. filtered information before sharing intercepted communications with another agency, like the C.I.A. or the intelligence branches of the F.B.I. and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and furthermore N.S.A.’s analysts passed on only information they deemed pertinent, screening out the identities of innocent people and irrelevant personal information, following passage of Obama's 11th hour rule, "**other intelligence agencies will be able to search directly through raw repositories of communications intercepted by the N.S.A. and then apply such rules for “minimizing” privacy intrusions.**"

In other words, what until recently was a trickle of private data captured about any US individuals by the NSA with only a handful of people having full, immersive access, suddenly became a firehose with thousands of potential witnesses across 16 other agencies.

However, the implications are far more serious than just loss of privacy rights.

According to civil right expert and prominent First Amendement Supreme Court lawyer, [Jay Sekulow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jay_Sekulow), what the agencies did by leaking the Trump Administration information was not only illegal but "almost becomes a soft coup", one which was spurred by the last minute rule-change by Obama, who intentionally made it far easier for leaks to propagate, and next to impossible to catch those responsible for the leaks.

This is his explanation:

There was a sea-change here at the NSA with an order that came from president Obama 17 days before he left office where he allowed the NSA who used to control the data, it now goes to 16 other agencies and that just festered this whole leaking situation, and that happened on the way out, as the president was leaving the office.

**Why did the Obama administration wait until it had 17 days left in their administration to put this order in place if they thought it was so important**. They had 8 years, they didn't do it, number one. Number two, it changed the exiting rule which was an executive order dating back to Ronald Reagan, that has been in place until 17 days before the Obama administration was going to end, that said the NSA gets the raw data, and they determine dissemination.

Instead, this change that the president put in place, signed off by the way by James Clapper on December 15, 2016, signed off by Loretta Lynch the Attorney General January 3, 2017, they decide that now 16 agencies can get the raw data **and what that does is almost creates a shadow government**. You have all these people who are not agreeing with President Trump's position, so it just festers more leaks.

If they had a justification for this, wonderful, **why didn't they do it 8 years ago, 4 years ago, 3 years ago. Yet they wait until 17 days left.**

One potential answer: they knew they had a "smoking gun", and were working to make it easier to enable the information to be "leaked" despite the clearly criminal consequences of such dissemination.

As this point Hannity correctly points out, "it makes it that much more difficult by spreading out the information among 16 other agencies, if they want to target or take away the privacy rights, and illegally tap the phones, in this case General Flynn, it's going to be much harder to find the perpetrator.

Sekulow confirms, noting that back when only the NSA had access to this kind of raw data, there would be a very small amount of people who have access to this kind of data. "But this change in the Obama Administration was so significant that they allowed dissemination to 16 other agencies, and we wonder why there's leaks."

Sekulow's conclusion: "**President Obama, James Clapper, Loretta Lynch should be held accountable for this**.

**The Problem with Poop in Space**

Turns out, [space poop is a problem](http://www.space.com/35576-space-poop-system-orion-deep-space.html) that puzzles thousands of people. After NASA asked for solutions to let astronauts urinate and defecate inside a spacesuit for up to six days, more than 5,000 entries (representing 20,000 people) answered the call.

The winner of the [$15,000 Space Poop Challenge prize](http://www.space.com/34690-nasa-space-poop-challenge-for-spacesuit-potty.html) was Thatcher Cardon, for a solution called "MACES Perineal Access & Toileting System (M-PATS)." Details on the system were not immediately available.

Cardon explained how he devised the idea for the system.

"I was really interested in the problem, though, and spent some time lying down, eyes closed, just visualizing different solutions and modelling them mentally," Cardon, a colonel and commander of the 47th Medical Group at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas, said in a statement by HeroX, which oversaw the challenge for NASA. [[How Astronauts Use the Bathroom in Space: A Guide](http://www.space.com/34681-how-to-pee-in-space.html)]

"Over time, the winning system of ideas coalesced," Cardon said. "Then, I packed up the family, and we drove around Del Rio, Texas, to dollar stores, thrift stores, craft stores, clothing and hardware stores to get materials for mock-ups."

The second-place prize of $10,000 was awarded to a system dubbed "Space Poop Unification of Doctors (SPUDs) Team – Air-powered," by Katherine Kin, Stacey Marie Louie and Tony Gonzales. The $5,000 third-place prize went to Hugo Shelley's "Spacesuit Waste Disposal System."

NASA scientists said they were pleasantly surprised by the public's interest in the challenge.

"The response to the Space Poop Challenge exceeded all of our expectations," Steve Rader, NASA tournament lab deputy director, said in a statement. "The level of participation and interest went far beyond what we expected for such a short competition." [[In Space, Everyone Can Hear You Poop (Video)](http://www.space.com/29393-in-space-everyone-can-hear-you-poop-video.html)]

"It was wonderful to see the global response from our crowdsourcing challenge," added Kirstyn Johnson, NASA spacesuit technology engineer. "We enjoyed seeing the innovative approaches that were sent in given such a demanding scenario. Others at NASA are now thinking about ways we can leverage a crowdsourcing approach to solve some more of our spaceflight It’s to create a system [inside a spacesuit](http://www.space.com/21987-how-nasa-spacesuits-work-infographic.html) to flush away urine, feces and menstrual fluid. The goal is to make the system function for 144 hours — long enough to keep an astronaut alive for a rescue if his or her spacecraft were to be disabled and out of breathable air.

NASA astronauts' current method of waste disposal involves using a diaper during spacewalks and launch and entry, but these systems can be used only for about a day. The agency noted that it is difficult to design [pooping systems for microgravity](http://www.space.com/34858-space-poop-challenge-nasa-astronauts-exploration-spacesuit-crowdsourcing.html), where fluids and other things float. Maintaining good hygiene for these systems was among the primary challenges participants were tasked with solving.

In a description of the challenge, NASA said it was looking for technologies that have a "technical readiness level of 4" on its "ready for flight" scale, meaning that the solution could be tested in one year and be ready for space in three years. NASA added that it would consider solutions that would need more time if they were considered breakthroughs.

The goal is to use the system on a mission in the next three or four years.

**The Ice Moon with an Ocean**

On Feb. 17, 2005, NASA's Cassini spacecraft was making the first-ever close pass over Saturn's moon Enceladus as it worked through its detailed survey of the planet's icy satellites. Exciting, to be sure, just for the thrill of exploration. But then Cassini's magnetometer instrument noticed something odd.

Since NASA's two Voyager spacecraft made their distant flybys of Enceladus about 20 years prior, scientists had anticipated the little moon would be an interesting place to visit with Cassini. Enceladus is bright white -- the most reflective object in the solar system, in fact -- and it orbits in the middle of a faint ring of dust-sized ice particles known as Saturn's E ring. Scientists speculated ice dust was being kicked off its surface somehow. But they presumed it would be, essentially, a dead, airless ball of ice.

What Cassini saw didn't look like a frozen, airless body. Instead, it looked something like a comet that was actively emitting gas. The magnetometer detected that Saturn's magnetic field, which envelops Enceladus, was perturbed above the moon's south pole in a way that didn't make sense for an inactive world. Could it be that the moon was actively replenishing gases it was breathing into space?

[› DOWNLOAD VIDEO Enceladus: Mystery of the Icy Moon](http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/video/details.php?id=1458)

Thus began a hunt for clues that has turned out to be Cassini's most riveting detective story. "Enceladus was so exciting that, instead of just three close flybys planned for our four-year primary mission, we added 20 more, including seven that went right through the geysers at the south pole," said Linda Spilker, Cassini project scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California.

By following the trail of scientific breadcrumbs, Cassini eventually found that Enceladus harbors a global ocean of salty water under its icy crust, possibly with hydrothermal vents on its seafloor. The trail of clues that began with a puzzling magnetometer reading led to an understanding that the moon -- and perhaps many small, icy moons like it throughout the cosmos -- could potentially have the ingredients needed for life.

"Half the excitement of doing science is that you sometimes find yourself going in a totally different direction than you expected, which can lead to amazing discoveries," said Spilker. "That little anomaly in Cassini's magnetometer signal was unusual enough that it eventually led us to an ocean world."

For a timeline of Cassini's Enceladus discoveries, visit:

<http://go.nasa.gov/2k0CRP3>

Launched in 1997, the Cassini mission is currently in its final year of operations, performing weekly ring-grazing dives just past the outer edge of Saturn's rings. In April, the spacecraft will begin its Grand Finale, plunging through the gap between the rings and the planet itself, leading up to a final plunge into Saturn on September 15.

Cassini has been touring the Saturn system since arriving in 2004 for an up-close study of the planet, its rings and moons, and its vast magnetosphere. Cassini has made numerous dramatic discoveries, besides the activity at Enceladus, including liquid methane seas on another moon, Titan

**Another Immigrant Overflow Station Closes**

## U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials have confirmed the closing of a second temporary holding facility following the swearing in of President Donald Trump. Border apprehension numbers along the southwestern border with Mexico fell in January for the first time in several months.

The Tornillo Temporary Holding Facility suspended operations, effective February 14, according to information obtained by Breitbart Texas from CBP spokesman Rober Maier. CBP officials [opened the facility](http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2016/11/21/feds-open-migrant-processing-center-cutting-border-surveillance/) in November 2016 in response to the [surge](http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2016/12/15/total-border-apprehensions-5th-straight-month/) of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) and Family Unit Aliens (FMUA) apprehensions. It is now being shut down “due to a continual decline in the total number of apprehended and inadmissible alien migrants.”

The processing of migrants at other CBP ports of entry and stations has been reduced to a “manageable level,” Maier stated.

The Tornillo station, located about 40 miles east of El Paso, will be placed in a “warm standby” status in the event it is needed to return to an operational status in the future. He stated basic maintenance, oversight, and 24-hour security will continue at the facility to make sure it is ready if the migrant crossings surge again. It is anticipated CBP could bring this facility, and the recently closed Donna facility, back into fully operational status within a 24-hour period if needed.

Breitbart Texas [reported](http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2016/12/15/total-border-apprehensions-5th-straight-month/) November border figures increased for the fifth consecutive month with a total of 47,214 illegal aliens being apprehended. That number represented a 44 percent increase over November 2015, officials stated.

During the first three months of the fiscal year beginning October 1, the last full quarter of the Obama Administration, CBP officials reported a 109 percent increase in total apprehensions. A total of 136,670 migrants were apprehended during that period.

With the January 20 inauguration of the new president approaching, [preliminary numbers for January](http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2017/02/09/border-apprehensions-drop-trump-inauguration/) indicated a drop in apprehensions along the border. CNN [reported](http://www.cnn.com/2017/02/08/politics/southwest-border-apprehensions-immigration-trump/index.html) the decline could possibly be attributed to the “expected tough plans” of President Trump to deal with border security and illegal immigration.

The closure of the Tornillo processing station comes just three days after [officials shut down the Donna, Texas, temporary holding facility](http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2017/02/15/migrant-detention-center-closes-drop-border-crossings/).

Border Patrol officials moved 150 agents to the Rio Grande Valley Sector in November to help with the surge of migrant apprehensions. Officials have not yet stated if those agents are being returned to their home sectors.

Comment #1: In El Paso, if a person is shot in Juarez, Mexico or a woman is about to give birth, the ambulance will literally wait on the bridge and drop the individual off at the border. Then our ICE agents are responsible for calling an ambulance, and the taxpayers pay the bill for these illegal alien medical problems. Hopefully, this stupid, expensive, and barbaric abuse we allow by Mexico will come to an end as well.

**National Day of Immigrants**

You might want to reconsider when a seditious radical like Obama tells you to walk out on your job to show them what a life without immigrants looks like. Your Company may just like it. A total of 18 people were fired from a Tennessee business after joining the nation-wide protest "A Day Without Immigrants."

The 18 employees at Bradley Coatings, Incorporated  in Nolensville, Tennessee told their supervisors on Wednesday they'd be taking part in the nationwide movement. Then, on Thursday, they were told they no longer had jobs.

"We are the team leaders directly under the supervisors and they informed us last night that we could not go back to work and the boss said we were fired," one employee said.

The former employee asked to remain anonymous but had this message to his former boss.

"I would tell him he was unfair, after working for them for so many years, giving him our best. They could not understand that it was just one day. We were going to make up that day on a Sunday, but they didn't understand that, and it was not the best way. They didn't give us an opportunity and just told us we were fired," he said.

"Tennessee is an employment-at-will state which basically means an employer can end your employment at any time without reason or cause. Of course there are a lot of different stipulations, civil rights issues that could stop them from doing that," Department of Labor and Workforce Development spokesman, Chris Cannon said.

Bradley Coatings, Inc.'s attorney released the following statement:

"Bradley Coatings, Incorporated (BCI) is a family-owned, Nashville-based business that provides commercial painting services to its clients on a very demanding schedule.  Established in 1986, BCI has always celebrated diversity and supported the immigrant community.  This past Wednesday night, certain employees of BCI informed their leadership that they would not be at work the following day.  Because of the time-sensitive nature of the jobs these employees were assigned to, all employees were told that they would need to show up for work or they would be terminated.  On Thursday, the majority of BCI’s employees fulfilled their obligations to our clients, but eighteen employees did not.  Regretfully, and consistent with its prior communication to all its employees, BCI had no choice but to terminate these individuals.  The reason these employees missed work—to engage in peaceful demonstrations—had nothing to do with BCI’s decision to terminate them.  BCI regrets this situation, but it has contracted with its clients to complete work on a schedule set by the client’s general contractor.  BCI will review its procedures in an effort to avoid similar issues in the future, and will continue to provide timely service to its clients and support to the Nashville immigrant community." - Robert Peal, Company Attorney