

The Wizard

Government Gangsters:

The Deep State, the Truth and the Battle for Our Democracy

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The author of this book would clearly like you to believe that the US political system is in grave danger. Indeed it is, but not in the way Mr Patel and his fellow cohorts in Donald Trump's inner circle suggest. The actual danger is that the man who tried – however incompetently – to stage a coup on 6 January 2021 has been re-elected to the Presidency. An openly authoritarian, seemingly quasi-fascist, regime has thus been installed. It is safe to assume that it has no intention of ever surrendering power, and will either rig or overturn any future elections. In that respect, it is worth remembering that Trump was only prevented from overturning the 2020 election result by his ignorance, stupidity and incompetence. The ultimate saving grace was that many in his administration – most prominently Vice President Mike Pence – refused to go along with the attempted coup. (There can be no doubt which way current Vice President Vance would jump, if he faced the choice that confronted Pence on 6 January.) Thankfully, the US military also made it clear that they would not be a party to overthrowing the election result.

The second Trump administration, however, is packed with people who readily supported the 6 January coup attempt. All those arrested during the Capitol riot have been pardoned, and Trump is busy weaponizing both the US military and the FBI. As far as possible, those institutions – which were vital to the coup failing – are being transformed into institutions loyal to him and not the nation. Of course, Trump is still an ignorant, stupid incompetent, but the game has dramatically changed since his first administration. The danger he and his 'MAGA' movement

pose is now correspondingly much greater. A key figure in all this is the new Director of the FBI, Kash Pramod Patel, a man whose subservience and loyalty to Trump knows no limits.

One suspects that an important factor in establishing Patel as one of Trump's key appointments was the publication of his comic book trilogy, *The Plot Against the King* (first two volumes in 2022, third volume in 2024). These appalling children's books celebrated the heroic efforts of the Wizard Kash, modestly described as 'the Distinguished Discoverer', in saving King Donald from his enemies. In volume 2, he is joined by Dinesh the Candlestick Maker (Dinesh D'Souza, pardoned by Trump for electoral offences in 2018), in exposing the rigged 2020 Presidential election. Volume 3 celebrates the Wizard's role in saving Donald from the Justice Department Dragon and securing his re-election as King on the Land of the Free's Choosing Day! The Department of Justice (DOJ) is one of Patel's conspiracy obsessions. And we can be absolutely confident that Trump has read and really enjoyed these cretinous contributions to the corruption of children's literature: he has publicly recommended that they be in every school library. He might not have the patience and concentration necessary to read briefing documents even a page long, but he can just about manage a children's comic book!¹ What we can be certain of is that Trump has never read Patel's conspiracy fantasy memoir, *Gangster Government*, but it is very much worth examining because of the way it brings home the enormity of the threat that Trump and MAGA pose. It is really quite hard to get your head around the fact that the author of this memoir and the comic books is now head of the FBI!

As far as Patel is concerned, Trump's first term in office was 'an apocalypse in the truest sense of the word'. What it exposed for everyone to see was the way that 'unaccountable elites in Washington armed with the powers of the state believe that anything is justified – absolutely anything – to preserve their power'. This was 'the Deep State' that has tried to undermine every Republican President from Eisenhower on,

¹ The first volume of *The Plot Against the King* was illustrated by Laura Vincent and published by the Beacon of Freedom Publishing House in 2022. It was soon followed by a sequel, *The Plot Against the King: 2000 Mules*, illustrated by James Scrawl and published by Brave Books that same year. This volume includes a special message from Dinesh D'Souza and reproduces a photograph of Donald Trump with a big grin on his face, standing next to Patel and holding up a copy of the book, giving it the thumbs up! The third volume, *The Plot against the King 3: The Return of the King* was illustrated by James Scrawl and published by Brave Books in 2024.

causing Richard Nixon in particular many problems, but really going after Donald Trump without restraint because of the threat that he posed to its continued rule. The 'corrupt bureaucrats' that controlled the United States were in fact 'thugs in suits, nothing more than government gangsters who act like they are righteous'. The Deep State was 'a cabal of unelected tyrants who think they should determine who the American people can and cannot elect as president'. The country was effectively controlled by 'the corrupt ruling class [. . .] a small body of incestuous, power-hungry, unelected oligarchs in Washington'. And allied to the Deep State are the military-industrial complex and the big tech companies. He knows all about this because, for the past seven years, he has been on the front line in 'every major national security and political battle against . . . the Deep State'. (pp. x-xv)

People who served in Trump's first term in office – and who now disown him and his movement – are considered creatures of the Deep State. Patel claims that the Trump administration was actually fighting, internally, against them during those previous four years because they had been trying to thwart Trump's whims. John Bolton, for example, Trump's National Security Advisor in 2018-2019, is now dismissed as 'an arrogant control freak who resisted following the orders of the president he served if it didn't suit his interests'. Bolton also had a very low opinion of Patel and had done his best to block his appointment to a post on the National Security Council (NSC), until overruled by Trump personally. (p. 94) And then there's Bill Barr, Trump's Attorney General. After faithfully covering up for his crimes in his first term, Barr let the side down when he refused to support the attempted coup and endorsed Biden's election victory instead. When Barr heard that Trump was proposing to instal Patel as deputy director of the FBI, he made clear that this would only happen over his dead body and effectively blocked the appointment by threatening to resign. As far as he was concerned, Patel was totally unfit and unqualified. Similarly, when Patel was considered for a top CIA job, Gina Haspel, the Director of the Agency, threatened to resign if Trump went ahead. And then once he was appointed to the NSC, Patel had to take on the likes of Fiona Hill,² Alexander Vindman 'and all those other swamp monsters in the politicized permanent bureaucracy'. These people

² For a review of Fiona Hill's memoir of her time working for Trump, *There is Nothing for you Here* (2021), see *Lobster* 83 at <<https://shorturl.at/eO2XW>> or <<https://www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/article/issue/83/inside-the-trump-administration/>>.

hated Trump and worked to undermine him 'in the most extreme ways'. The fact was that during Trump's first term, 'the Deep State's tentacles spread all the way into the highest reaches of the White House' and this severely inhibited Trump in his efforts to serve the American people. (p. 101) Those trying to contain Trump - such as Secretary of Defense Mark Esper - found it increasingly difficult to do so as, towards the end of his first term, more and more 'true believers' were brought into the administration. These new hires reinforced the likes of 'Robert O'Brien, Stephen Miller, and Kash Patel', and a 'darker, more aggressive evolution of the Trump White House was now emerging'.³ This evolution culminated in the 6 January coup attempt. Today that darker, more aggressive evolution has triumphed.

Patel is particularly outraged by 'the left-wing radicals at the DOJ' who relentlessly persecuted Trump and his supporters. While the DOJ leadership apparently 'had no problem letting al-Qaeda affiliated terrorists off the hook, they consider American citizens the real terrorists and enemies'. Indeed, the DOJ under Biden even went after him, with Deep State rubes feeding stories to 'the fake news media mafia'. Why? Because he was exposing their corruption. (pp 22-23)

Patel also singles out the US military as a bastion of left radicalism. The High Command is, like the rest of the US state machine, riddled with corruption, controlled by senior officers promoted because of their commitment to 'radical left-wing social engineering'. The man most responsible for this was the then Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley whom he actually describes as 'the Kraken of the swamp'. His crime was his opposition to Trump's increasing authoritarianism and determination to overthrow the 2020 election result. As far as Patel is concerned, this clearly showed that 'the military brass is turning woke'. This is why the US ended up with 'a military brimming with left-wing propaganda' that identified climate change as the major threat confronting the USA: 'That's right. Not terrorism. Not China. Under President Biden, the military's primary mission is to fight the weather'.

The consequences of having a woke military were put on display during Biden's disastrous evacuation of Afghanistan in 2021. Patel condemns the operation, insisting that nothing like it would have

³ Mark T Esper, *A Sacred Oath: Memoirs of a Secretary of Defense during Extraordinary Times* (New York: William Morrow 2022) pp. 471-472. For Patel's own account of his clashes with Esper, culminating in his being fired, see pp. 149-151.

happened under Trump, but singles out for particular condemnation a US drone attack carried out in response to a suicide bombing. According to him, to cover up their incompetence 'Chairman Mark Milley and Centcom Commander Kenneth Mackenzie [. . .] used a drone to execute seven children and thirteen innocent Afghan civilians. That's not America. We don't murder innocent children to cover our political asses'. (pp. 159, 163, 166). This suggests an astonishing ignorance of US conduct across much of the world over the last eighty-odd years, but Patel will pick up any stick with which to beat Trump's opponents.

On a number of occasions, he actually condemns 'the Defense Industrial Complex' for gratuitously involving the US in foreign wars! (p. 146) The stupidity of a supposedly woke left military allied to the Defense Industrial Complex is lost on him. It is abundantly clear that the aim is to root out all the woke left-wing radical generals who have betrayed the country. The incredible appointment of the evangelical Fox News host, sycophant and drunk, Pete Hegseth, as Secretary of Defense shows Trump's determination in this. As for the retired General Milley, Hegseth has stood down his military security team. Trump has described Milley as deserving the death penalty.

But overshadowing everything else is Patel's vendetta with the FBI. As far as he is concerned, the FBI is one of 'the most cunning and powerful arms of the Deep State', a 'much greater threat to American freedom and self-government' than even the CIA. The FBI 'is now the prime functionary of the Deep State. The politicized leadership at the very top has turned it into a tool of surveillance and suppression of American citizens'. Now the question one has to inevitably ask oneself is when has the FBI not played this role? To be fair, Patel does condemn the FBI's persecution of Martin Luther King, but, he insists, 'the abuses of today are orders of magnitude larger – and more dangerous'. Russiagate, the attempt to destroy Trump 'through false claims that he was a Russian agent', was 'the biggest political conspiracy in American history'. And as for the raid on Mar-a-Lago carried out by the FBI in August 2021, this 'makes Watergate look like the teacup ride at Disney World'. Trump, he tells us, was 'the most transparent president in history' and certainly not someone to ever try and cover-up criminal behaviour. He wholeheartedly and unreservedly condemns 'the political jackals at the FBI'. They are 'an existential threat to our republican form of government' (pp. 33-34, 60, 69-71, 73-74). The author of all this rubbish is now Director of the FBI!

What of the 6 January coup attempt? The two chapters covering this are respectively entitled 'The Insurrection That Never was' and 'Made-Up Domestic Terrorism'. Obviously there never was a coup attempt, the whole episode was manufactured by Trump's enemies. It was blown up out of all proportion in order to discredit him and the MAGA movement, and the FBI duly played its part in the exercise. There was some disorder but it has been wildly exaggerated in order to discredit Trump. Patel's own formulation is quite interesting:

' . . . in the aftermath of the riot at the Capitol, the ruling class went far beyond fairness and equality. They bastardized due process. They immediately used January 6th as a tool to demonize half of America, crush dissent and imprison defendants in perpetuity while they awaited horrendously delayed trials'.

He believes people were framed and clearly hints that there is a strong likelihood of FBI involvement in what took place, with Federal agents in the crowd on the day and that this has been covered-up. (p. 189) As for the far-right militia conspiracy to kidnap and execute the Governor of Michigan, Gretchen Whitmer, in 2020, well that was an 'FBI-driven plan'! (p. 76) Barry Croft, the ringleader was sentenced to nineteen years for his part in the conspiracy.

What is it that provokes Patel's hostility to the FBI? The reason is quite simple: the FBI was established to persecute the left, had been doing this for very many years and, as far as Patel is concerned, that was wholly acceptable. However, it had more recently identified a growing threat from the right and, conversely, going after the right is the Deep State woke leftist ruling class attacking America. One can be absolutely confident that now he is installed as Director, with the even more appalling Dan Bongino as Deputy Director, such insane 'thinking' will not stop.⁴

Those involved in the surveillance and prosecution of the right will be

⁴ As the *New York Times* noted earlier this month Mr. Bongino's position 'does not require Senate confirmation' probably because it's 'traditionally been filled by a senior agent with vast operational experience' – which, of course, Bongino does not have. Every cloud has a silver lining however and, due to his new job, Bongino has had to end the production of his risible podcast.
(<<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/06/technology/dan-bongino-fbi.html>>)

rooted out; a blind eye will be turned to the activities of the likes of the Proud Boys and other pro-Trump militia groups. The FBI will, instead, be turned loose on Trump's enemies and opponents. One can safely assume that if Trump is not stopped, it is only a matter of time before some of his opponents and critics begin dying, '*pour encourager les autres*'! Trump, of course, will not be personally involved: it will be others acting on his behalf. As for the FBI, under Patel it will become an essential instrument in consolidating an American authoritarianism in power. One problem that this authoritarian project faces, however, is that Trump remains an ignorant, stupid incompetent who has surrounded himself with men and women praising him as a genius, and some of them actually believe it. This must give the opponents of the rising tide of authoritarianism hope, both in the USA and throughout the world.

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