

Dangerous Injustice: How Democrats Weaponized the DOJ to Protect Biden and Persecute Trump

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An illustrative call to action to fix issues within the justice system, Dangerous Injustice examines two recent cases of presidential misconduct.

Veteran CIA lawyer Joseph B. Sweeney's charged political science book *Dangerous Injustice* breaks down responses to two presidential classified document violations.

Allegations of improper handling of classified documents led to two investigations and trials, one against Joe Biden and one against Donald Trump. How those two cases played out showed cracks in the American justice system, Sweeney suggests. Drawing on his specialization in high-level espionage and prosecutions, his book lays out both cases in detail alongside personal commentary, coming to the conclusion that the classified documents in question were handled incorrectly, according to the established protocol.

The book also addresses why Trump's case resulted in felony charges while Biden was declared innocent of wrongdoing, using evidence including how the documents were processed and the presidents' responses. Indeed, through pointed breakdowns of related events, the text suggests disparities between the two cases, raising concerns about impartiality. Section titles including "The Biden Cover-Up" and "Trumping Up Espionage Charges" sound less than objective, though, as does the introduction, which accuses people of believing in "an abundance of absurdities" and addresses unrelated topics like gender identity.

To inform unfamiliar audiences on classified document handling itself, the book examines historical precedents on both sides of the aisle. Examples of spying, the theft of confidential material, and collusion with foreign governments are used, with coverage of how the Department of Justice handled each case, working through the flaws innate in a human system and trying to be impartial. This painstaking groundwork makes the text all the more accessible. And Sweeney's experiences while working at the CIA are plumbed to illuminate the intricate rules behind confidential document handling, with notes such as that the destruction of classified material requires the right garbage bag to avoid legal action.

However, the concluding section undermines the preceding balance of the book, compromising the persuasiveness of the whole. It shifts away from facts and rigorous arguments toward anecdotes, as of Sweeney's personal conversations with his neighbors. These casual stories, coupled with the sarcasm that sometimes creeps into the prose, hurts the book's messaging, as with "This, as you can imagine, makes me very popular. No wonder I drink alone." It's a sullen conclusion to an often compelling text.

With notable cases of mishandled documents as its vehicle, *Dangerous Injustice* includes attentive political analyses as part of a call to action to fix the flawed justice system.

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