

Grand Obstruction Party

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The Jan. 6 insurrectionists attacked the Capitol to prevent the peaceful transfer of power. The FBI investigation, the largest in U.S. history, has charged over 1,200 defendants and continues. House Speaker Mike Johnson is releasing 44,000 hours of video of the insurrection as demanded by far-right Republicans in exchange for electing him Speaker. First, said Johnson, “We have to blur some faces of persons who participated in the events of that day because we don’t want them to be retaliated against and to be charged by the DOJ.” That’s right: Johnson admitted obstructing a federal investigation to protect lawbreakers from being prosecuted.

Since February Sen. Tommy Tuberville, whose official senate website calls him “coach,” blocked 452 military promotions, over half of all admirals and generals, demanding that the Pentagon obstruct military women’s healthcare. Pentagon officials say Tuberville’s obstruction put our national security at risk, disrupted military families, delayed retirements, and made it harder to recruit and keep top candidates. “Coach” finally punted so his Republican colleagues could go home for Christmas. By then, the Marine Corps’ commandant suffered a heart attack working two jobs because of “Coach’s” hold.

“In the end, this was all pointless,” President Biden said. “Senator Tuberville, and the Republicans who stood with him, needlessly hurt hundreds of service members and military families and threatened our national security.”

America’s allies, Israel and Ukraine, are fighting for survival. Both need American aid ASAP. Republicans stormed out of a classified briefing with the Secretaries of Defense and State, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff after screaming at the generals over immigration policy they have nothing to do with! Republicans’ stunt made it impossible to approve aid this year.

The only people who benefit from Republican obstruction are insurrectionists, Hamas, and Putin. That’s why Liz Cheney says Republicans are “aiding our enemies” and electing them “presents a threat” to America.

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