

Tired of the hypocrisy

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Week after week and month after month, we are subjected to the hypocrisy and trumped-up outrage that defines the MAGA Republican Party. Mr. Alan Klug penned a letter to the editor in the July 27th Beacon. After decrying the statements of Biden supporters as “untrue,” he unleashed a torrent of blatant falsehoods. A couple are particularly noteworthy.

Falsehood #1: “This [Biden’s] is the most corrupt administration to ever occupy the White House.” Here are the facts. Donald Trump has been impeached twice and indicted twice. A third indictment is expected soon. Trump is the first president in American history to face criminal charges ([Forbes](#)): over two dozen lawsuits and investigations involving stealing classified documents; attempting to overturn a presidential election; election interference; trying to destroy presidential records; obstruction of justice; falsifying business records, violating the Voting Rights Act; fraud; and racketeering.

Eleven Trump associates have been arrested, convicted of crimes, and/or pled guilty; many advised him in the White House ([Reuters](#), [Washington Post](#)). A twelfth, Rudy Giuliani, recently conceded that he made false statements about election workers in Georgia in a defamation lawsuit ([Fox Atlanta](#)). In addition, while working in Trump’s White House, Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner gifted upwards of \$640 million according to [Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington](#).

Falsehood #2: “90% of shooters were registered Democrats.” According to [Politifact](#) (2018), “Mass shootings are often perpetrated by young men who are socially isolated or have a mental illness, experience a trauma or conflict that sends them reeling emotionally, and have easy access to guns.... Their motives are almost always, without exception, nonpolitical.” In 2022, [the FBI reported](#) that white supremacists “pose the primary threat” of committing domestic terrorism. [The Buffalo mass shooting](#) in a black neighborhood supermarket that left 10 people dead is a prime example. Mr. Klug clearly pulled his “90%” claim out of thin air.

The deflection, projection, hypocrisy, and propaganda-induced outrage are exhausting.

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