

# Democracy Docket

July 22, 2025 — Signs of Fascism

## POLITICIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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The DOJ is now a political arm of the GOP

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I know I've written about this before, but it bears repeating: under Pam Bondi's leadership, the Department of Justice is a political arm of the GOP, and the attorney general is Trump's personal lawyer. Right now, we're seeing that clearly with the Epstein Files saga. As the MAGA base calls for the release of the files, Bondi is protecting Trump — not representing the American people.

This will only get worse. If you want to see where the DOJ's loyalties lie, keep an eye on Bondi.

## TARGETING OPPONENTS

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Threatening those who oppose the administration

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On Friday, as part of her latest conspiracy, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard promised to investigate and prosecute Obama administration officials for their disclosure of Russia's efforts to interfere in the 2016 election. Then on Sunday, Trump followed up her warning with an AI-generated TikTok of President Obama getting arrested by the FBI.

This is just another in a long series of threats to political opponents — and it should be taken seriously. With the DOJ acting as Trump's political weapon, it will go after and prosecute those who defy and speak out against the administration. Don't dismiss these threats.

## UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS

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Betraying and defying the Constitution

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Under Trump, the Constitution has become nothing more than a suggestion. Administration officials have been defying court orders left and right, ignoring judges of both parties. Emil Bove, Trump's former personal lawyer and his nominee to serve on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, told government lawyers they should say "fuck you" to court orders. And back in March, the administration defied Judge Boasberg's orders to turn a plane of Venezuelan immigrants around.

The administration isn't following the normal rules. There are no guardrails. Pay attention to who they're taking orders from — because it's certainly not our justice system.

## ELECTION MEDDLING

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Interfering with the outcome and results of our elections

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Trump and the Republican Party are gearing up for 2026. They know their policies are unpopular. They know the Epstein Files have them in hot water. So, what are they going to do? Gerrymander and suppress voters. In Texas, Trump pressured Gov. Greg Abbott to hold a special session and illegally gerrymander his state's congressional map. And in Colorado, election officials received calls from a GOP operative asking to inspect election machines and gain access to voter rolls.

The 2026 election isn't going to be a normal one. Get registered now. Double-check your registration. Make a plan to vote. When democracy is on the line, it's never too early.