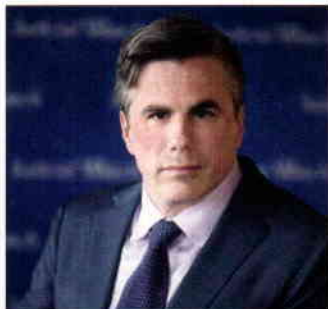


The Out-Of-Control Mueller Investigation

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Judicial Watch uncovered more evidence that Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation is seriously compromised.

The evidence is in new Justice Department documents showing unbridled support by top Justice Department officials for former Obama appointee, then-acting Attorney General Sally Yates' refusal to enforce President Trump's Middle East travel ban executive order. Yates granted herself the authority, which she doesn't have under the law, to overrule her boss, the President.

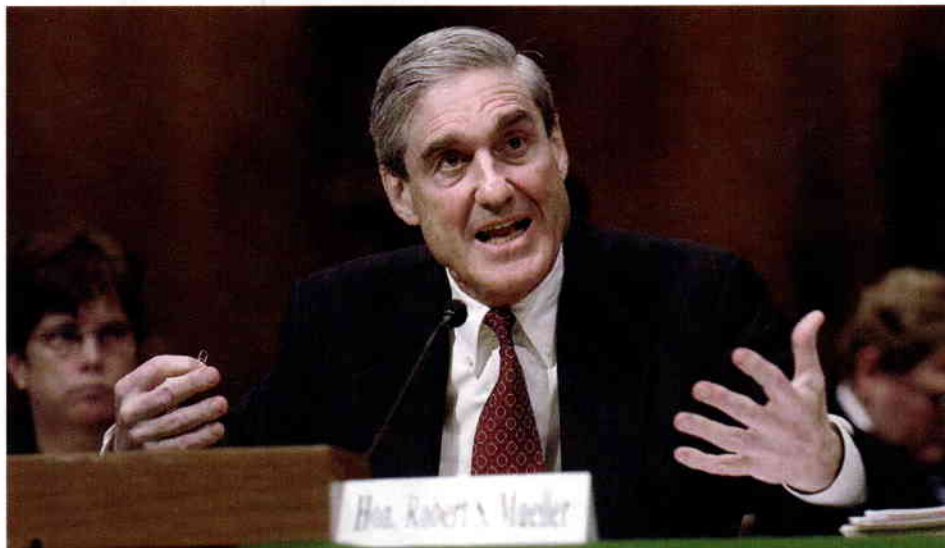
In one uncovered email, Andrew Weissmann — one of Robert Mueller's top prosecutors and formerly the Obama-era chief of the Justice Department's Criminal Fraud Section — applauds Yates, writing:

"I am so proud. And in awe. Thank you so much. All my deepest respects."

We obtained the documents through a May 2017 Freedom of

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Then-FBI Director Robert Mueller testifies to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee about bureau oversight, March 2007.

Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit we filed after the Justice Department failed to respond to a February FOIA request seeking Yates' emails from her government account (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:17-cv-00832)) for the time period she served as acting Attorney General for President Trump.

Additional emails in addition to the Weissmann email, several sent from official Justice Department email addresses, show strong support throughout the Justice Department for Yates, who was fired for disobeying a direct order from the President:

- Thomas Delahanty, then the United States Attorney for Maine, wrote: "You are my hero."
- Liz Aloi, a career service employee and chief of the Justice Department's Special Financial Investigations Unit, told Yates she was "Inspirational and heroic."
- Emily Gray Rice, then the U.S. attorney for New Hampshire and an Obama appointee, said: "AAG Yates, thank you, as always, for making us proud. It is truly an

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honor to work for you."

- Obama appointee Barbara McQuade, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, told Yates, "Thank you for your courage and leadership. This is wonderful news."
- DOJ Civil Division Appellate Attorney Jeffrey Clair wrote: "Thank you AG Yates. I've been in civil/appellate for 30 years and have never seen an administration with such contempt for democratic values and the rule of law. The President's order is an unconstitutional embarrassment and I applaud you for taking a principled stand against defending it."

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That Weissmann and so many other high-level Justice Department officials would fawn over Yates' open defiance of an executive order exposes their utter contempt for the Constitution and their blatant bias against Trump. Weissmann was a key prosecutor on Robert Mueller's team. Yet, he openly praised Obama Justice Department holdover Sally Yates after she lawlessly thwarted President Trump. How much more evidence do we need that the Mueller operation has been irredeemably compromised by anti-Trump partisans?

In a late October article describing Andrew Weissmann as Robert Mueller's "Pit Bull," *The New York Times* wrote:

"He [Weissmann] is a top lieutenant to Robert S. Mueller III on the special counsel investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links to the Trump campaign. Significantly, Mr. Weissmann is an expert in converting defendants into collaborators — with either tactical brilliance or overzealousness, depending on one's perspective."



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Weissmann, it should be noted, also oversaw the pre-dawn home raid of former Trump aide Paul Manafort in what one former federal prosecutor described as "textbook Weissmann terrorism."

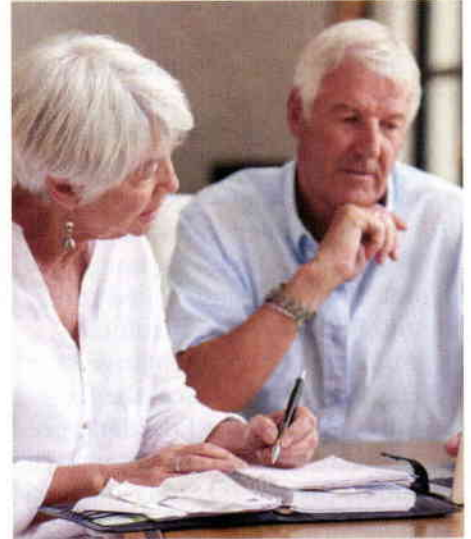
The emails to Yates are an especially astonishing and disturbing find, in light of recently released information that another high-level FBI supervisor, Peter Strzok, was removed from the Mueller investigation when it was revealed that he and his "paramour," Lisa Page, another high-level FBI attorney who worked on the Clinton email investigation and served on Mueller's investigative team, exchanged messages during the height of the Clinton investigation that contained anti-Trump and pro-Hillary Clinton comments.

Strzok participated in the FBI interviews with Hillary Clinton and Gen. Michael Flynn. Clinton was given a free pass when Strzok changed the language in Comey's draft statement on the investigation characterizing Clinton's behavior from "grossly negligent," which echoes the federal criminal statute, to "extremely careless," which minimizes her misconduct.

Further tarnishing the FBI was what we uncovered about the infamous Phoenix tarmac meeting between Obama Attorney General Loretta Lynch and former President Bill Clinton. (See Lead Story, "JW Releases FBI Documents On Clinton-Lynch Tarmac Meeting"). The FBI, which used to be a proven master at exposing cover-ups, has itself become a master of the cover-up. **JW**

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