

Look, it is no secret that I have problems with Hillary Clinton. I've been pretty clear about that for years; there's no love between me and her. I did not vote for her during the Primaries and still believe Bernie Sanders would have been the better candidate in the General Election. However, during the General Election – despite my problems – I grew to have a whole lot of respect for her and everything she's accomplished throughout her career, despite the many mistakes she's made and scandals she's become embroiled in. I know she would have made a good President – even if she wasn't at the top of my list of people I wanted to run, and still isn't – and I truly do believe it is not only America's loss, but also the world's, that Donald Trump beat her in November.

However, I want you to imagine for a brief moment that Hillary Clinton DID win the General Election on November 8th. I want you to imagine that everything that's happening right now with President Trump and his administration happened to Hillary Clinton's and her administration had she won.

Imagine that Russia interfered to help Clinton win by hacking the RNC and engaging in a propaganda campaign of misinformation to change the minds of voters.

Imagine that Hillary Clinton's National Security Advisor had to resign due to contact with Russian officials in December while she was still only President-Elect, and not actually President yet.

Imagine that Hillary Clinton's Attorney General had been in contact with the Russian Ambassador multiple times throughout the entire 2016 Election Campaign and then, during his confirmation hearing in the Senate, perjured himself by denying such accusations.

Imagine that Hillary Clinton herself had given a speech about “American Carnage” while being inaugurated on January 20th. Imagine that she called the Press “enemies of the American people” and barred legitimate news sources – including CNN, the New York Times, and the BBC – from White House Press Briefings; imagine if she proceeded to call these legitimate sources of information “Fake news” and then opted out of going to the Correspondent's Dinner – becoming only the third President in history to do so – purely because she couldn't take the criticism being lobbied at her anymore.

Imagine that Hillary Clinton forgot to mention the Jewish People in a statement issued by the White House that was intended to remember the Holocaust – or took weeks to condemn the anti-Semitic and Racist behavior occurring across the country, much of it in her name.

Imagine that Hillary Clinton had anywhere near the temperament that Donald Trump has now, and held a Press Conference that was as off the walls as the one Trump had a few weeks ago. Further still, imagine that Hillary Clinton refused to resolve her conflicts of interest, appointed family members to key White House positions, and tweeted angrily throughout all hours of the day and night about trivial things – like Meryl Streep or the ratings of The Apprentice. Imagine if she allowed one of her top advisors to promote Chelsea Clinton's products without any repercussions.

Imagine, for a moment, that Hillary Clinton threatened to invade Mexico or caused a minor international incident by hanging up on the Prime Minister of Australia, who remains one of our strongest allies. Imagine if she caused an even bigger international incident by issuing a Travel Ban via an Executive Order that barred people from seven predominantly Muslim countries from entering America at all, based on extremely flimsy and flawed reasoning.

Imagine If Hillary Clinton granted ICE officials and Law Enforcement greater powers to tear families apart, and restricted the rights of the immigrants – illegal or not – detained by them. Imagine if she chose to slash Climate and Wall Street Regulations, in addition to entire Federal Agencies, in order to create Environmentally unfriendly jobs, benefit her friends on Wall Street, and increase Military spending. Imagine if she put together a Cabinet of people as unqualified, as uneducated, and as dangerous as the one that Donald Trump managed to put together.

And imagine for a moment, if you will, that Hillary Clinton was a President who sparked such widespread outrage and protests across the world that one of our biggest allies – the United Kingdom – had to have multiple debates in parliament as to whether or not she should be granted an official State Visit. Imagine if she was a President who stirred such controversy and divisiveness at home, that Senators and Congressmen in her own party were actually afraid to attend Town Hall Meetings and face their Constituents for fear of being yelled at and “bullied” by the American people – to the point where Democrats actually began to propose state legislation to make protesting illegal.

Imagine that Hillary Clinton and her administration did anything even REMOTELY similar to what Donald Trump and his administration is currently doing or being accused of doing – just ONE thing. The Republicans, the American people, and the Media would be calling for Clinton to be investigated and/or prosecuted and/or calling for her resignation or impeachment. In fact, they’d be filing the paperwork so fast that we’d have a new President by Easter Sunday, and that’s a damn fact.

There was, and continues to be, a double standard in the way that America – particularly Republicans – view Hillary Clinton (and every other Democrat/Politician in general) and Donald Trump. There is an undeniable double standard in the way that the Media covers Hillary Clinton (and every other Democrat/Politician in general) compared to the way they cover Donald Trump. And I’ll admit, I was – and still am at times – guilty of it too. But the “free passes” for President Trump and his entire staff need to stop. President Trump should not have a different set of standards to adhere to just because of his infamous demeanor, celebrity persona, political inexperience, and/or just due to the fact that “at least he’s not Hillary Clinton. Or a Democrat.”

Republicans have put Party before Country for too long, and are currently doing so at great risk to National Security. The GOP MUST call for the resignation of Jeff Sessions or, at the very least, launch an investigation into Jeff Sessions in light of the information that has come to light in which it has been confirmed that he spoke to the Russian Ambassador during the 2016 Election Campaign (and lied about it when directly asked about it during his Confirmation Hearing, thus perjuring himself). If the GOP refuses to do this – refuses to investigate Jeff Sessions, Michael Flynn, Donald Trump, and the whole Trump Campaign/Administration and their connections with Russia, the entire party is nothing short of guilty and complicit in whatever crimes may or may not have been

committed. Their lack of action thus far has been so egregious, they shouldn't even be considered a viable Party or choice anymore. That's the cold, hard truth of the matter.

It's time to put Country before Party. It's time to put America's best interests and National Security first. Because, the fact of the matter is, it's not just America's security that is at stake anymore, it's the entire world's. Make no mistake, if Russia has the President of the United States – or people who are extremely close to him and have his ear – in their pockets and under their influence, the Kremlin will be allowed to do anything they want and get away with it; INCLUDING trying to stretch and exert their influence and power over Europe and the entirety of Western Civilization. This is not hyperbole. This is the dangerous truth.

Recusing himself from any potential investigations between Trump and his team and their connections to Russia isn't enough anymore. Jeff Sessions committed perjury and broke the Logan Act, which are crimes. He must resign from the post of Attorney General and be investigated himself now. Republicans must finally put their differences with Democrats aside, put Country before Party, and agree to IMMEDIATELY launch a Bi-Partisan investigation into Donald Trump's and his entire administration's connections and possible collusion with Russia. And frankly, if Trump himself and the majority of people who work for him are innocent, they should be calling for these investigations as well to get to the bottom of all of this considering what is at stake.

What is happening is not normal. What is happening is completely terrifying. And the implications of what is happening threatens the very fabric of our country and the entire free world, which is why thorough investigations need to start right away.