



Remember the \$1.8 billion "slush fund" Donald Trump tried to create, purportedly to compensate victims of governmental persecution and so-called "lawfare"? Well, I'm gonna go on record that that might be the one good thing that Trump ever attempted that may actually have been worth a crap. And I just now heard it's been canned.

Yes, I know... I can already hear my liberal friends' horrified objections: "That fund was a TERRIBLE thing! Trump only wanted it to A: Claim he won his fight with the IRS over his publicized tax returns; and B: to funnel money to any buddies who have been or might still be prosecuted for things related to their assistance to him. January 6th?? How can you not see that this was pure theatrics and grift — a typical day in TrumpWorld!?" Well, yes, I actually do see all that, and I see it just that way. Trump never intended any real good, nothing selfless, nothing beneficent; he only wanted a well-endowed kickback to enrich his supporters and make himself seem like a "big winner". No doubt.

But... that's the thing about intentions, right? "The best laid plans of mice and men," all that? And it's so true. Someone wants to achieve X, but actual effects may vary. Take this scheme, for example. If that money had actually come available to compensate people who've suffered politically-motivated prosecutions, and if it wasn't just limited to federal prosecutorial attacks or to ex-prisoners who'd been released (and I saw nothing to suggest that victims of ongoing state persecution wouldn't be eligible as well), then I absolutely planned to sign up and collect MY cut of that almost 2 billion dollars. Of course — how not? I'm clearly a victim of politically-driven punishment, so I should get some reparation too, now that good ol' DJT is forcing a cultural reckoning with this previously ignored problem. And honestly, I'm not sure I've ever met anyone in these gulags who wouldn't qualify. Can you find me even one prosecution that isn't fundamentally politically motivated? Good luck — I suspect there aren't any. And then of course, some prosecutions (to mildly misappropriate Orwell) are more piggishly political than others... mine being a prime example of the most insidiously politically agenda-driven of them all.

But (Sigh) — what a shame — that golden glimmer of opportunity for redress is gone now. And I'd certainly have advocated hard for all the other victims of the state's bloodthirsty campaign against me as well — for Coby and Bryan and Daniel and Darrell and Nolan and Brian and David, for all of them to get paid for so much needless, malicious suffering inflicted on them too, because even though they weren't prosecuted themselves, they were still exploited as tools in a politically motivated witch hunt, and in the process they were often treated as criminals themselves.

But the moment has passed, alas, so now Donald Trump will carry on with his own ongoing reign of terror, only now there's no redeeming silver lining to it at all. SAD.

(* Unless, of course, he yet manages to bring about the collapse of all government, which is still possible, and in which case I reserve the right to edit that "no silver lining" bit. Now let us pray...)