



The Pardon We All Saw Coming

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This wasn't supposed to happen.

Back in June, after his son was found guilty on gun charges, President Biden said: "I will not pardon him."

Now he's [saying](#) "I believe in the justice system, but ..."

Let's remember the Conspiracy Theory floating around before the election.

Various cynical people, cynics I call them, declared that despite Biden's pledge not to pardon his son, he was only waiting for the election. *After* the election, when the action could no longer hurt him or any Biden-substitute candidate, he would *then* pardon his son.

And so it has come to pass— as of last night.

I guess if you can't get Al Capone on anything else, you get him on tax evasion. But I don't care that much about the gun charges or the tax charges against Hunter Biden. I care about [the corruption](#).

I care about the many millions of dollars [funneled into](#) the Biden family and the Big Guy, Joe Biden, in consequence of Hunter Biden's influence-peddling deal-making with firms in Ukraine, Romania, and China. Millions that fell into his lap over the years only because of who his dad is. And what daddy could *do*— as in [fire a Ukrainian prosecutor](#) looking into Biden family corruption.

Riding high, Hunter Biden felt he could get away with anything, including massive tax evasion.

The son can, I take it, no longer be imprisoned for any of the law-breaking we know about. Or even suspect. So maybe, thus unencumbered, Hunter can now take the stand about his father's role in all the graft and bribery.

Interestingly, Hunter's pardon removes his ability to assert his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. Because he can't be incriminated, i.e. criminalized, he can be compelled to testify.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.