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The Salience of the Switch

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From the moment the Jeffrey Epstein story appeared, an outrageous quality attached itself to it, like slug-slime on the heel of your naked foot.

Now, as the case is allegedly closing, it's only getting weirder.

It's needless to run through the arc of the story again: the rumors, the financing, the arrests, the trials, the documentaries, the books and articles, the "suicide." Most people are aware. And most know that it was MAGA folks who were most exercised about the issue.

"Epstein didn't kill himself" was not a meme of the left.

The idea that Mr. Epstein had fronted a honey-pot blackmail ring to exert control over [politics](#) and [science](#) and [culture](#) was a story that even the mainstream didn't pooh-pooh much, because, in part, there was so much circumstantial evidence.

Then came the switch, when Dan Bongino and Kash Patel [assured us](#) that Epstein did indeed commit suicide. When I commented a [week ago](#), it was Trump switching sides — after years milking MAGA anger over it — that stood out.

And now it got bigger. In two ways. Trump's switch got bigger. And the evidence for Epstein's self-offing got shakier.

The latter is explosive evidence that our leaders may have lied to us. And done a lousy job of it. The taped evidence said to prove that no one had been to visit Epstein in his cell was first shown to have been clumsily edited, and then all-the-sudden [more footage came out!](#)

Meanwhile, Trump [took to calling](#) the Epstein File issue a "hoax" perpetrated by Democrats — Comey, Obama and Biden specifically!

Do they think we're stupid?

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.