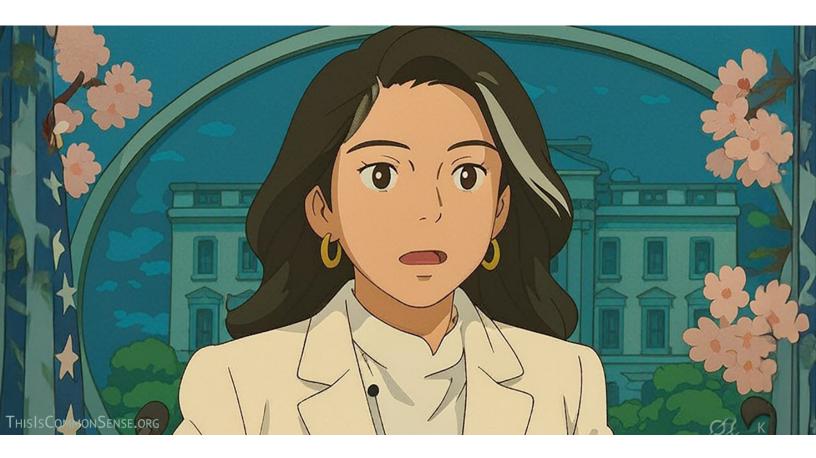
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One Dares Call It Treason

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Directly in the wake of the president calling the Epstein scandal "a hoax," another hoax came to the fore: Russiagate.

Many of us suspected the wild allegations were a hoax from the get-go in 2016, which was clarified by the Mueller Report in 2019.

Now Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard has taken the next step in revealing the perfidious nature of the "Russiagate" accusations made against Donald Trump. "Over a hundred documents that we released, on Friday," she <u>told</u> Fox News, "detail and provide evidence of how this treasonous conspiracy was directed by President Obama, just weeks before he was due to leave office after President Trump had already gotten elected."

A treasonous conspiracy?

Strong words. But remember, Ms. Gabbard is not an attorney. When she uses the word "treason," the actual Attorney General is not required to follow along.

Indeed, how likely is AG Pam Bondi—to whom Gabbard has given the case files—to indict former President Barack Obama on a capitol charge?

"This is not a Democrat or Republican issue," continued Gabbard, "this is an issue that is so serious it should concern every single American, because it has to do with the integrity of our democratic republic."

The trouble is, the basic deal of democracy depends on bi-partisan restraint. That restraint has been broken. Shattered. Actually prosecuting the former directors of the CIA and FBI (Brennan and Comey, named co-conspirators) might be feasible in our system—but truly unprecedented.

Arresting and prosecuting a former president? When all facts are known, accountability may demand it.

But when do we get off this road?

Remember, the initial breaking of the democratic deal was done by Democrats protesting Trump's supposed breaking of democratic norms!

It is hard to imagine justice being found here.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.