

Republican Perspective

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BUILDING THE CASE

“Show me the man and I’ll find you the crime.” Lavrentiy Beria, Stalin’s chief of secret police

Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Jerry Nadler, initiated the Democrats plan to impeach President Trump. Mr. Nadler demanded records from 81 family, friends, past and present employees, and supporters of the President. To appease the Democrats far left base, Mr. Nadler is on a quest to uncover crimes committed by the President, his 2016 campaign, or members of the current administration. On ABC’s “This Week” he said: “It’s very clear that the president obstructed justice.”

Democrats told us to be patient and wait for the report from Saint Robert Mueller and his team of conflicted prosecutors. Representatives Nadler and Adam Schiff, Chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence are not waiting. They now claim they already have enough to impeach Mr. Trump. Mr. Nadler hedged on ABC’s This Week, “you have to persuade enough of the opposition party voters, Trump voters . . . that you’re not just trying to steal the last—to reverse the results of the last election.” At least he admitted he is trying to steal the result of the 2016 Presidential election.

Despite the Democrats “*resistance*,” President Trump’s accomplishments in two years are impressive.

Economy:

- More than 5 million jobs created and the unemployment rate remains below 4 percent. Black, Latino and Asian unemployment hit record lows.
- Average hourly earnings up 3.4% from February 2018; largest gain in a decade.
- GDP growth > 3%.
- Passage of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act creating prosperity for the middle class in the form of higher wages, more take-home pay, more jobs, and new employee benefits.
- A million more job openings than workers per the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Manufacturing added 284,000 jobs in 2018, the most added in a year since 1997.
- Established “opportunity zones” to incentivize investment in economically underserved communities.
- 2 million Americans off food stamps.
- The “Small Business Optimism Index” broke a 35-year record.

Healthcare:

- Eliminated Obamacare's "individual mandate."
- Expanded short-term, limited duration health insurance plans that are more affordable than unsubsidized Obamacare plans.
- Expanded association health plans, allowing more employers to join together across State lines and offer coverage to their employees.
- Initiated campaign to drive down drug prices, resulting in more than a dozen drug manufactures to enact price freezes, reductions, or rollbacks.
- The Food and Drug Administration approved a record number of generic drugs, breaking the previous record set by the Administration in 2017.
- Signed legislation eliminating contractual gag clauses that stopped pharmacists from informing patients about lower drug prices.
- Provided Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans with new negotiating tools to drive down drug costs.
- Signed "Right to Try" legislation to expand access to experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.

Military:

- Signed defense bill increasing the military budget by about \$700 billion
- Approved a 2.4% pay increase for the military; highest increase for service members since 2010.
- Approved military spending for missile defense, advanced autonomous systems, cyberspace and nuclear deterrent forces.
- Proposed to Pentagon the establishment of a Space Force as a sixth branch of the U.S. armed forces within the Department of the Air Force.

Border Security:

- Declared a national emergency at the southern border under terms of the National Emergencies Act.
- Ordered the enhanced vetting of individuals entering from countries that do not meet our security standards.
- Took action to require aliens seeking asylum to go to a port of entry to make their claim.
- Customs and Border Protection apprehended 17,256 criminals and 1,019 gang members in FY 2018.
- Immigration & Customs Enforcement arrested 158,581 aliens in FY 2018; 90 percent of those arrested had criminal convictions, pending charges, or had been issued final deportation orders.

Supreme Court: nominated and Senate approved two conservative judges.

Foreign Policy:

- Held two summits with North Korean dictator with the goal of denuclearization of that communist country. The remains of POW/MIA service members from the Korean War are being returned to the United States.
- Withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran. Reimposed U.S. sanctions against Iran as a leading sponsor of terrorism.
- Moved the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.
- Imposed sanctions on more than 200 individuals and entities related to Russia's destabilizing activities.
- Enhanced support for Ukraine's defense by stepping up sales of weapons to its military.
- Suspended compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty due to Russia's violations including the development of a covert missile system.

Messrs. Nadler and Schiff will bask in the spotlight provided by their main-stream-media accomplices. Always Party first, country last...