

# “FALSE IN NUMEROUS RESPECTS:” HOUSE DEMOCRATS PACKAGE UP LIZ CHENEY’S EVIDENCE OF “DESPICABLE MALICE”

In a letter [\[alternate link\]](#) Cassidy Hutchinson’s attorney, William Jordan, sent to the DC bar, he corrected some of the false claims made in Barry Loudermilk’s report claiming that Liz Cheney had inappropriately suborned perjury from Hutchinson.

The Loudermilk Report is false in numerous respects, including its suggestion that Ms. Hutchinson and Congresswoman Cheney had any improper communications.

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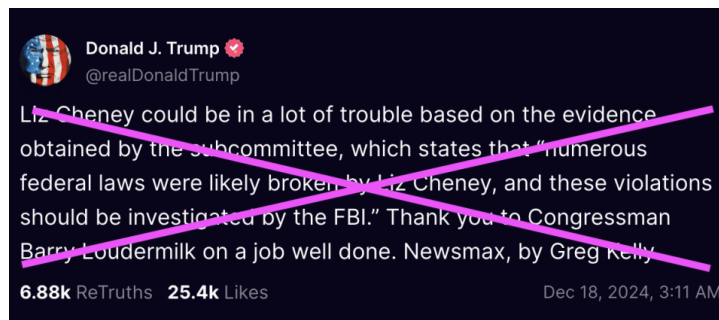
The Loudermilk Report is replete with other politically motivated falsehoods, but at a minimum Ms. Hutchinson wanted specifically to correct this error because it has been seized on by Mr. Passantino and **other individuals** in this Complaint. [my emphasis]

The other individuals likely including private citizen Donald Trump.

And that’s interesting because the report in which the letter was published includes an interesting line at the end of a long explanation of why this is an assault on Speech and Debate.

That section cites the Supreme Court opinion holding that “once it is determined that Members are acting within the ‘legitimate legislative sphere’ the Speech or Debate Clause is an

absolute bar to interference.” Then it cites the amicus brief the GOP sent in support of Scott Perry’s fight to keep content from his phone involving things that had nothing to do with formal oversight from prosecutors. “The Clause is not abrogated by allegations that a legislative official acted unlawfully or with an unworthy purpose, and applies both in civil cases and criminal prosecutions.” It cites to Scott Perry’s own filing. After including Trump’s tweet invoking the report, it trashes Loudermilk’s shoddy analysis.



Then it notes that Speech and Debate protects Loudermilk from any claim of defamation someone might bring against him.

If the Clause did not apply to congressional investigations, Chairman Loudermilk could be subject to liability himself for defamation.

Oh. And then it notes that those *without* Speech and Debate protection who falsely accused her of a crime, “may also be liable.”

All those who republish these allegations outside speech or debate may also be liable.

And that’s interesting because Cheney – whose reference to this report in a Tweet was the first I heard of it – specifically said that the “report destroying Loudermilk’s fraudulent allegations shows the despicable malice behind Trump’s efforts.”



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My response to Donald Trump's efforts to block the Special Counsel from issuing his final report:

"While Donald Trump and Barry Loudermilk continue to spread malicious lies about the 1/6 Select Committee, Trump is trying yet again to hide evidence and suppress the truth. The Justice Department has obtained testimony and evidence from dozens of Trump's former advisors and Vice President Pence showing the danger Trump poses. Now Trump is already doing what despots do—he is trying to conceal the truth and threatening to jail those who investigated him.

"The congressional report yesterday destroying Loudermilk's fraudulent allegations shows the despicable malice behind Trump's efforts. AG Garland now has a duty to release the Justice Department Report and prevent its evidence from being destroyed. The truth must prevail. The framers of our Constitution knew the lessons of history — that people led by men without character can quickly lose their freedom."

-- Liz Cheney

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"Despicable malice" sounds like the kind of thing you might sue over.