

A CAUTIONARY TALE OF THE LIMITED REACH OF LEGAL ETHICS

Sanctions based solely on legal theories aren't likely to succeed.

FIVE WAYS TRUMP IS SABOTAGING THE UNITED STATES

Given all the other ways Trump has capitulated to Vladimir Putin, we can't rule out that the damage DOGE is doing to the US government is intentional sabotage.

FRIDAYS WITH NICOLE SANDLER

This was an odd podcast, because Nicole and I went back and opened live to talk about Trump's ambush of Zelenskyy.

I'll say more in coming days. One thing I think is super important is that the SEC is moving to settle with Justin Sun, the Chinese-linked businessman who dumped \$30 million into Trump's crypto scam *during* the election. Once you do that, you've made bribery legal (which Pam Bondi and Chad Mizelle have been rushing to do in any case). Once Russia has the luxury of bribing Trump, Ukraine was never going to win this "negotiation." The rest is just show, with

America's sovereignty and world peace to pay for it all.

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FOUR YEARS AND FIVE WEEKS

First it was Macron, then Starmer, and now Zelenskyy. Yes, today's Oval Office meeting was about Ukraine, but it was much more than that.

RUSS VOUGHT GOT HIS TRAUMA — BUT NOT THE VILLAINS HE IMAGINED

Russ Vought set out to make people like Ryleigh Cooper villains. Thus far, firings of government workers around the country have instead made the functions of government visible, and cherished.

ELON MUSK'S AI-BOLA AND MARCO RUBIO'S VERY BUSY MONTH

Who is making decisions to shut down foreign aid? Marco Rubio, between meetings with foreign leaders? Or Elon's AI?

TWO WEEKS OF WORK: HAMPTON DELLINGER

By getting his job reinstated for two weeks, Hampton Dellinger was able to issue a ruling treating Trump's purge as a reduction in force, which creates obligations on the agencies doing the firing.

HOW A (THUS FAR UNSUCCESSFUL) LAWSUIT CAUSED ELON MUSK'S OPM EMAIL TO FACEPLANT

A lawsuit filed last month just put some brakes on Elon's latest evil plan.

NO KINGS! AROUND THE PARTISAN BEND ON DOGE [SIC] AND UKRAINE

A bunch of contentious town halls in heavily Republican congressional districts this week are a kind of politics that Democrats have too often eschewed in recent years as consultants told candidates that they couldn't swing voters in

culturally conservative areas. This kind of politics is not sufficient to reverse the fascist trend in America, but it is an irreplaceable part of any effort to try.

IDENTIFIED: THE BIGGEST WASTE OF US TAX DOLLARS SO FAR

Musk is Bill Lumbergh looking for Milton Waddams and his red stapler. *smh*