KEVIN FAIRLAMB AND JACOB CHANSLEY SENTENCES AFFIRM JUDICIAL LEGITIMACY

Judge Royce Lamberth sentenced two prominent January 6 defendants to 41 month sentences in the last week. One thing both sentencing hearings did — whether motivated out of genuine remorse or as part of a cynical ploy to butter up a judge — is reaffirm the legitimacy of the judicial process. Both these men recognized their actions as crimes. Both recognized the legitimacy of a judge imposing sentence for it. And both defendants recognized the professionalism of those at DOJ working to prosecute the case.