

Opening Remarks by Treniss Evans

Good afternoon. My name is Treniss Evans, and I stand before you not just as a witness, but as a survivor of a relentless government assault—one that has shattered the very foundations of our justice system. The DOJ, FBI, and judiciary—once beacons of justice—have been weaponized to instill fear, crush dissent, and punish those who dare to challenge the status quo.

What they have done to me, and to so many others, is nothing short of a national disgrace—a betrayal of the good men and women still part of those institutions and a violation of the rights of every American.

On January 6th, my intent was to exercise my constitutional rights as a peaceful demonstrator, never imagining that this act would lead to a nightmare. My home was raided by the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and my young son was placed at gunpoint. I saw the fear in his eyes, and I realized that no one was coming to help us. In that moment, I made a vow—to stand with those who should never have to stand alone, to remind those who use fear and abuse that the American spirit will remain unbroken, just as we see each night at Freedom Corner.

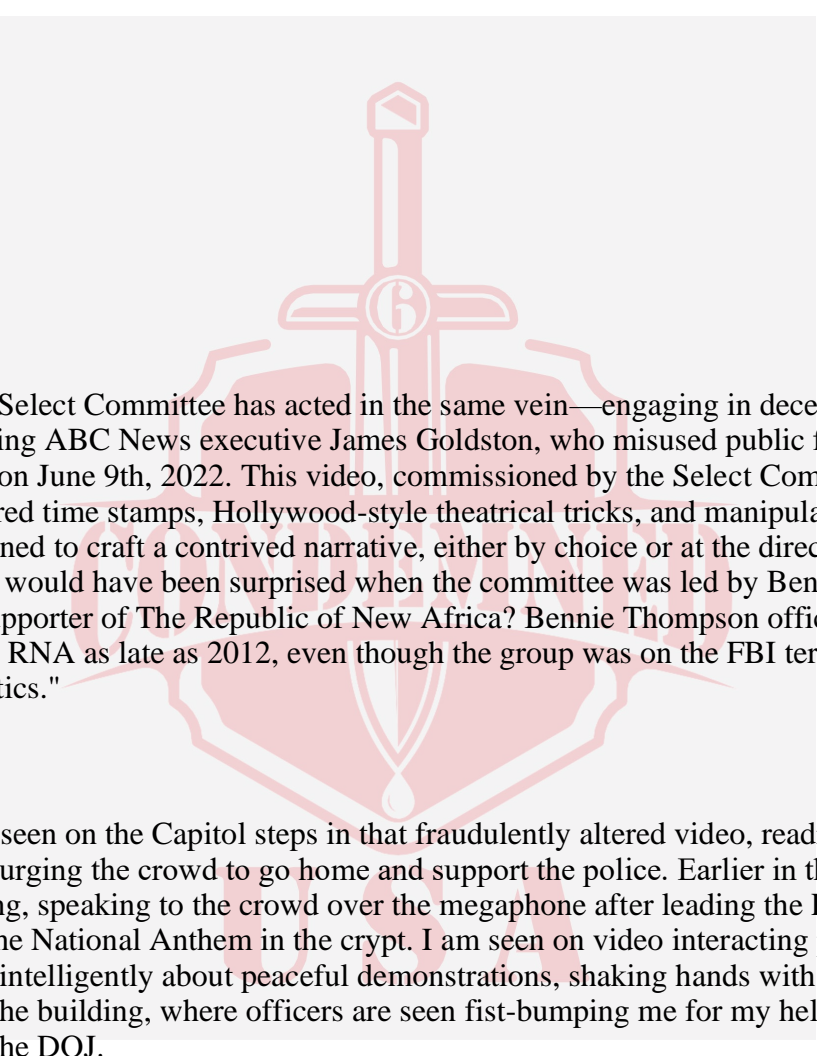
Out of this injustice, I founded Condemned USA, an organization born from the pain and suffering I endured. Condemned USA has since become a lifeline for those targeted by this government's ruthless campaign—a campaign that has left families shattered, lives destroyed, and justice discarded. We have assisted more defendants and attorneys in January 6th cases than any other group, exposing government overreach, judicial misconduct, and the lies that have been fed to the American public.

During my pretrial release, I was the only one who performed rescue breathing on a drowning victim when no one else would touch the man until a lone, brave police officer helped me. Despite my efforts to save a life, the judge gave me no credit for this action—another glaring example of the government's disregard for decency and justice.

In August of 2021, I was responsible for the capture of a fugitive who escaped prison after a conviction for human trafficking. The DOJ claimed I was not responsible and told the judge I was a liar. The October 15th, 2022, sentencing was adjourned, and at the second hearing in November, the DOJ was forced to admit that I had, in fact, been responsible for the fugitive's capture and that they had known this since August 2021.

The FBI, in blatant violation of a court order, tried to coerce me into working for them. They offered bribes, protection, and promises of safety if I would betray my principles and become

their pawn. I refused. I exposed their corruption on the court record, forcing the DOJ to claim they were investigating the matter. But, as I mentioned, not one person has been held accountable for these clearly illegal, unethical, and abusive actions. Your committees can subpoena and probe, but the smug purveyors of injustice will evade inquiry with what Congressman Spartz once referred to as "a nice little playbook." The worst part is that my story is one of good fortune compared to the fates of many others targeted by today's weaponized DOJ and FBI.



The January 6th Select Committee has acted in the same vein—engaging in deceit, manipulating evidence, and using ABC News executive James Goldston, who misused public funds to produce a video released on June 9th, 2022. This video, commissioned by the Select Committee, featured fraudulently altered time stamps, Hollywood-style theatrical tricks, and manipulated audio tracks—all designed to craft a contrived narrative, either by choice or at the direction of the committee. Who would have been surprised when the committee was led by Bennie Thompson, a member and supporter of The Republic of New Africa? Bennie Thompson officially supported candidates of the RNA as late as 2012, even though the group was on the FBI terror watch list for "guerrilla tactics."

I was the person seen on the Capitol steps in that fraudulently altered video, reading President Trump's tweets, urging the crowd to go home and support the police. Earlier in the day, I was inside the building, speaking to the crowd over the megaphone after leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem in the crypt. I am seen on video interacting peacefully with police, speaking intelligently about peaceful demonstrations, shaking hands with officers, and helping to clear the building, where officers are seen fist-bumping me for my help. Yet none of this mattered to the DOJ.

The DOJ, following the Select Committee's lead, pursued charges that are grossly disproportionate, particularly the misuse of the 1512 obstruction of Congress charge. Judges, especially in Washington, D.C., have facilitated this injustice, handing down sentences that have destroyed lives and families. The government and media have created an environment where a person convicted of a misdemeanor in D.C. loses their career, homes, benefits, and freedom. The

lie picks up steam, destroying the lives of citizens for the net political outcome, while the citizen participation is nothing short of social terrorism aimed at conservatives.

The human cost has been staggering: Four demonstrators—Ashli Babbitt, Rosanne Boyland, Kevin Greeson, and Benjamin Phillips—lost their lives that day. Officer Brian Sicknick, who served his nation with honor, also tragically died. But the toll did not end there. Over 20 others have died because of this relentless pursuit, including four unborn children—innocent lives lost to made-for-TV raids, flashbang grenades, and the diesel therapy that has hidden loved ones away in a brutal and inhumane system.

I accept responsibility for entering the Capitol illegally, but I will never submit to the false narrative that I am a domestic terrorist or insurrectionist. This rhetoric is a tool used by those in power to silence dissent and justify their overreach.

What is at stake here is nothing less than the future of our nation. Will we allow truth to be buried beneath lies and political agendas? Will we let our children grow up in a country where justice is a weapon wielded against the people? Or will we stand together and demand accountability, justice, and the restoration of our constitutional rights?

To those who have stood by me—I am honored to have you as resilient friends. And to those who have and are a part of Condemned USA, thank you for making this stand for our nation in these dark times.

In conclusion, we must root out this corruption, hold those responsible accountable, and restore the true meaning of justice in our nation. So, help me God.

Thank you.