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Remember, Trump waged a war on oversight, firing multiple Inspectors General, and replacing them with loyalists.

Today's report that whitewashes Trump's photo op at the church was written by one of Trump's appointees.

Allowing them to stay does not protect our institutions.

As the article states, Atkinson wasn't the only IG that Trump removed - nor the only one that he plans to.

He removed the IGs for Intelligence, for the HHS, and the Pentagon.

And he stated very clearly that this was just the beginning, with *seven* IGs on the chopping block.

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We do not need Trump loyalists in government making policy recommendations.

Allowing them to remain does not strengthen our institutions, or public confidence in the same.

On the contrary, it weakens them.

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The report recommended the Park Police create new policies for handling and dispersing crowds, and improve coordination in the field between law enforcement partners.

"We believe that if the DOI implements the recommendations from our review of the events of June 1 in Lafayette Park to future activities, USPP efforts to protect these locations and those who visit them will improve for similar operations," **Greenblatt, a Trump appointee**, wrote in a statement.

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The DOJ inspector general and the Government Accountability Office, another federal watchdog agency, are conducting their own inquiries into law enforcement responses to protests in Washington and around the country last summer, and there are several federal lawsuits against Trump over the forced clearing of the park outside the White

Protecting and restoring faith in our institutions is exactly what we need to be doing right now.

But a fear of accusations of 'partisanship' can also be exploited by bad faith actors in ways that actively do the opposite.

The narrative war has not stopped.



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Trump appointees in our government will attempt to whitewash his administration and cover up his wrongdoing, just as surely as Republicans are working to do the same in the Senate as we speak.

We simply, sadly, cannot afford to make the mistake of assuming good faith behavior.