Twitter Thread by Lindsey Simmons



Lindsey Simmons
@LynzforCongress

Dear Senator Hawley's Staff--

I'm sure you're loyal to your boss, but this man incited violence and you helped him. There is no "following orders" defense that will save you. You are part of this now.

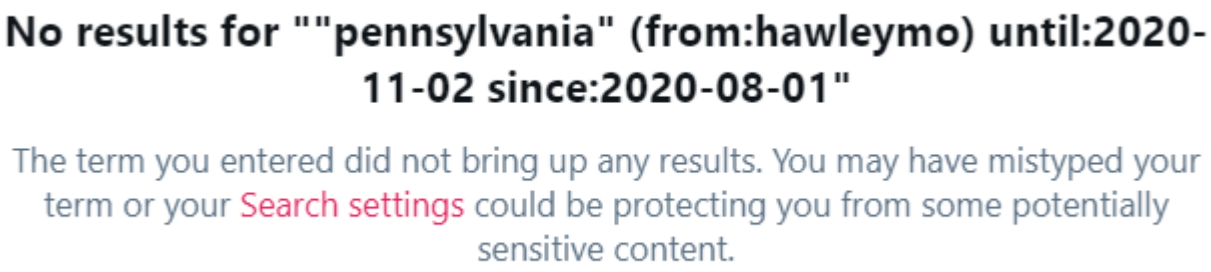
And it is so much more serious than him simply "raising concerns."

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> Sadly, much of the media and many members of the Washington establishment want to deceive Americans into thinking those who raised concerns incited violence, simply by voicing the concern. That\u2019s false. And the allegation itself is corrosive and dangerous. https://t.co/drhsK54MzQ pic.twitter.com/rEk9G5DOo5
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> — Senator Hawley Press Office (@SenHawleyPress) January 13, 2021

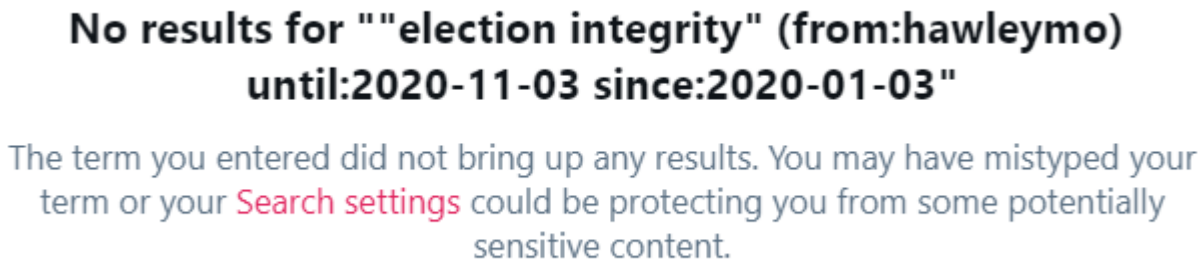
Prior to November 3rd, Joshua had nothing to say about Pennsylvania's vote by mail legislation.

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In fact, Joshua didn't have squat to say about election integrity either.

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By November 4th, when it was apparent that Trump would likely lose the election, Joshua--as a sitting US Senator--started tweeting out that Michigan was hiding secrets from the public.

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So Joshua started this fake call for election integrity--a call he'd never made before.

At first he threw the whole kitchen sink out there--BigTech, ballot harvesting, poll watchers, counting, etc.

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Josh Hawley @HawleyMO · Nov 5, 2020

About to join @TuckerCarlson to discuss the need for **election INTEGRITY** - and the #BigTech censorship machine

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Josh Hawley @HawleyMO · Nov 5, 2020

If last 24 hrs have made anything clear, it's that we need new **election integrity** laws NOW. Ban ballot harvesting, guarantee poll watcher access, make ballot counting transparent. I will introduce

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On November 6th Joshua vowed to introduce a law on election integrity.

And then after introducing it--he cared so much about it he worked to get ZERO cosponsors and no committee hearing.

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Josh Hawley @HawleyMO · Nov 6, 2020

Sen. Hawley vows to introduce legislation protecting **election integrity**



Sen. Hawley vows to introduce legislation protecting election integrity

Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., said Thursday that he would introduce election integrity legislation, noting that confusion surrounding the 2020 ...

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This is, of course, not surprising to those of us in Missouri. Joshua enjoys using his political office to create a public image and platform for himself--from which he can launch his next campaign.

Just like when he was Missouri's Attorney General.

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Hawley used those consultants to drive his anti-sex trafficking and opioid initiatives. It was all positioning for his Senate run. It's why he kept the correspondence on his personal device.

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My bet is that if officials investigated his correspondence, they'd find consultants urging Hawley to make "election integrity" his platform for his presidential run. Anti-corruption is a populist issue. Fighting for Trump gets you MAGA.

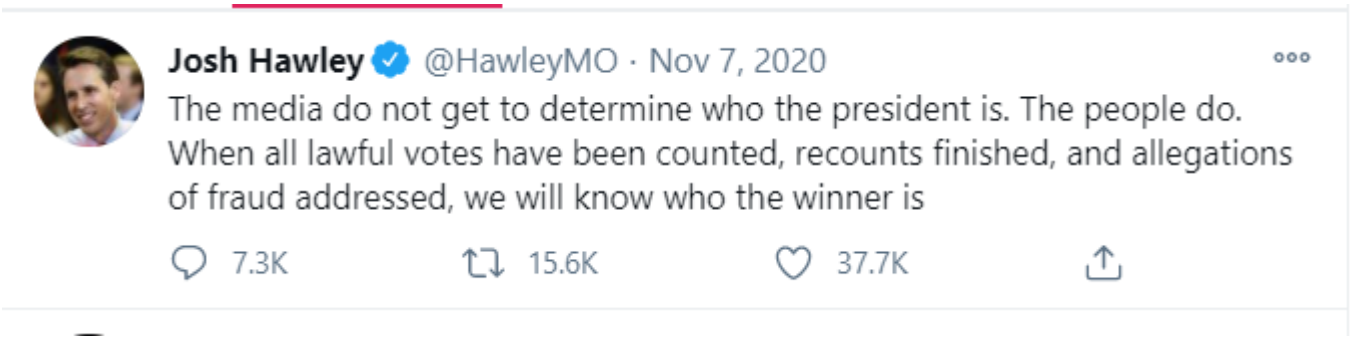
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By November 7th, Joshua notes there are "allegations of fraud," with no evidence. No explanation. Just putting it out there.

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November 10th.

Joshua is ready for election integrity--in all caps.

Using his newly filed bill to garner him press. Working harder to get the press than to pass the bill--which is the point. It's not about policy, it's about politicking.

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Note that at this point, Joshua has not one verifiable piece of proof about any *actual* fraud that has taken place. Yet, he's obsessed with election integrity.

He calls the 2020 election a "debacle."

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> A Republican senator introduced a bill on Tuesday banning ballot-harvesting, citing "the debacle of the 2020 election."
>
> Sen. Josh Hawley, a Missouri Republican, said his bill would ban all ballot-harvesting in federal elections and provide incentives for states to ditch the practice.

November 12th --Two days later, the Department of Homeland Security comes out to say that the 2020 election was (contrary to what Hawley says) "the most secure in American history."

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JOINT STATEMENT FROM ELECTIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL & THE ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR COORDINATING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Original release date: November 12, 2020

WASHINGTON – The members of Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council (GCC) Executive Committee – Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Assistant Director Bob Kolasky, U.S. Election Assistance Commission Chair Benjamin Hovland, National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) President Maggie Toulouse Oliver, National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) President Lori Augino, and Escambia County (Florida) Supervisor of Elections David Stafford – and the members of the Election Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) – Chair Brian Hancock (Unisyn Voting Solutions), Vice Chair Sam Derheimer (Hart InterCivic), Chris Wlaschin (Election Systems & Software), Ericka Haas (Electronic Registration Information Center), and Maria Bianchi (Democracy Works) - released the following statement:

"The November 3rd election was the most secure in American history. Right now, across the country, election officials are reviewing and double checking the entire election process prior to finalizing the result.

December 1 - Despite the words of our nation's top election officials, Joshua marched ahead--concerned that Pennsylvania's state legislature violated its Constitution + that the PA Supreme Court's ruling on its own Constitution was wrong.

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A week later the Supreme Court denied the request to intervene in Pennsylvania. Any lawyer could have predicted this. The Supreme Court doesn't overrule state supreme courts very often.

Joshua knew this and he did not care about the truth.

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(ORDER LIST: 592 U.S.)

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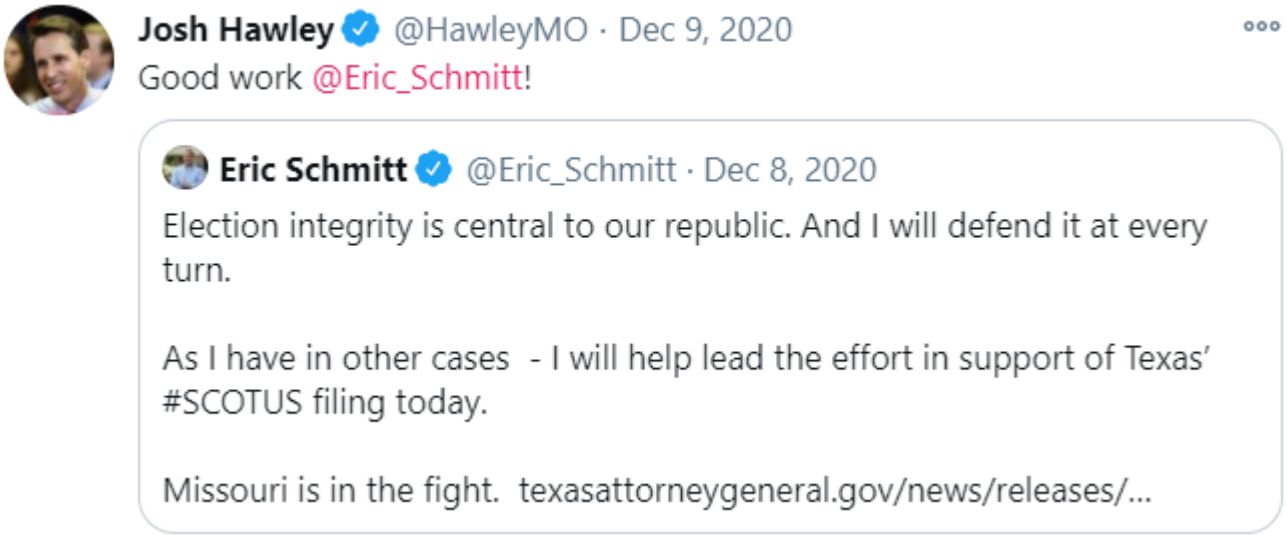
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The application for injunctive relief presented to Justice Alito and by him referred to the Court is denied.

December 9 - Undeterred, Joshua encouraged Republican Attorneys General to file lawsuits against Pennsylvania--including Missouri's own Eric Schmitt.

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December 11th -- The Supreme Court rejects *another* attempt to overturn the election results. This time denying the Republican AGs case that Schmitt signed on to and that Hawley supported.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020

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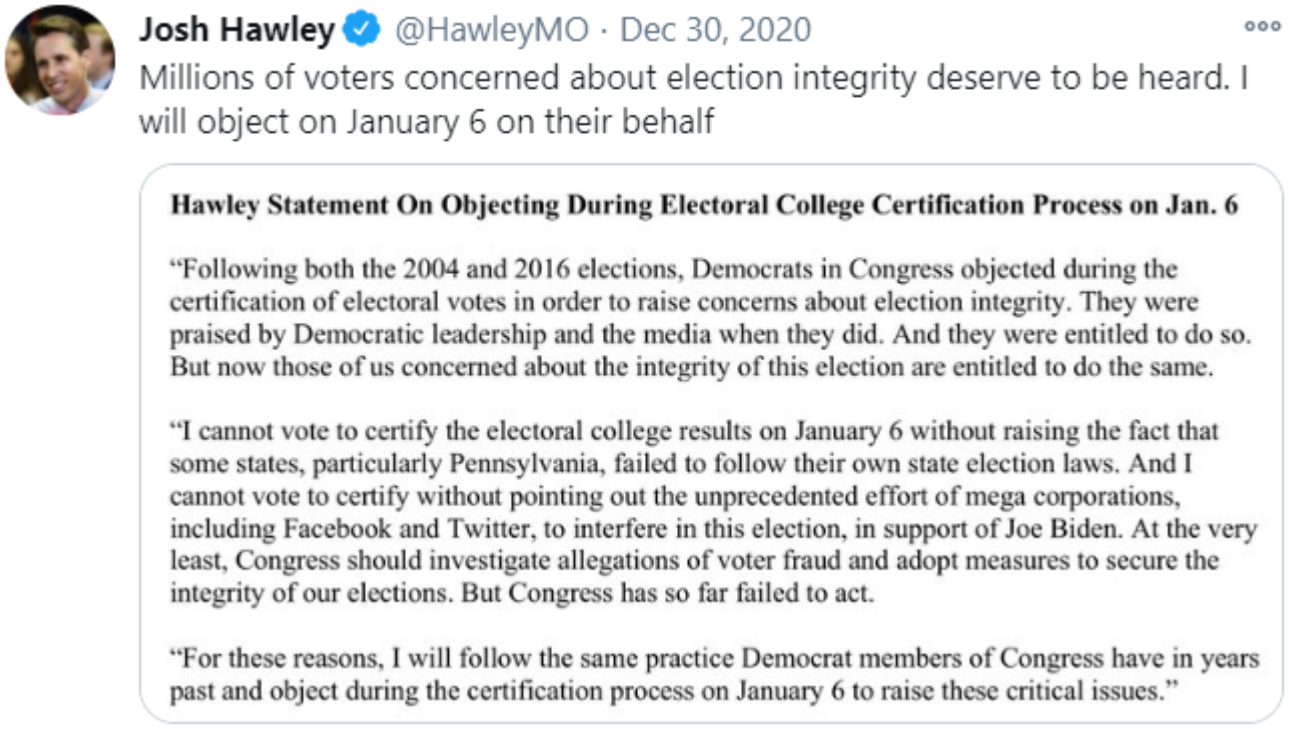
The State of Texas's motion for leave to file a bill of complaint is denied for lack of standing under Article III of the Constitution. Texas has not demonstrated a judicially cognizable interest in the manner in which another State conducts its elections. All other pending motions are dismissed as moot.

Statement of Justice Alito, with whom Justice Thomas joins: In my view, we do not have discretion to deny the filing of a bill of complaint in a case that falls within our original jurisdiction. See *Arizona* v. *California*, 589 U. S. ___ (Feb. 24, 2020) (Thomas, J., dissenting). I would therefore grant the motion to file the bill of complaint but would not grant other relief, and I express no view on any other issue.

December 30--By the end of the month, Joshua issued a statement positioning himself as the champion of election integrity--being the voice of "millions of voters" objecting to the election "on their behalf."

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Hawley begins his statement trying to compare his objections--based on no evidence and 60+ court losses--to Democratic objections in 2004 and 2016.

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In 2005, John Kerry conceded the day after the election. There was no doubt that President Bush was re-elected.

Objections were held not to overturn the election--but to discuss the rampant voter suppression of African Americans.

Senator Boxer did not question Bush's win.

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Democrats challenge Ohio electoral votes

Move delays official certification of presidential election

Thursday, January 6, 2005 Posted: 7:08 PM EST (0008 GMT)

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- Alleging widespread "irregularities" on Election Day, a group of Democrats in Congress objected Thursday to the counting of Ohio's 20 electoral votes, delaying the official certification of the 2004 presidential election results.

The move was not designed to overturn the re-election of President Bush, said Ohio Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones and California Sen. Barbara Boxer, who filed the objection.

The objecting Democrats, most of whom are House members, said they wanted to draw attention to the need for aggressive election reform in the wake of what they said were widespread voter problems.

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Congress debates an objection challenging presidential vote in Ohio.
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In 2017, VP Biden was interrupted 11 times as Representatives objected to the election result.

Some objected because of Russian interference--but Vice President Joe Biden gaveled them down. He told members of his own party that it was "over."

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And he did that *despite* the US Senate Committee on Intelligence affirming Russia interfered in our election.

The defining characteristic here is that Democrats NEVER tried to overturn the elections in 2004 or 2016.

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The defining characteristic is that Democrats did not refuse to concede. Hillary Clinton put the country first--something Trump has never done.

The defining characteristic is that Democrats made objections based on facts with the intent of improving democracy.

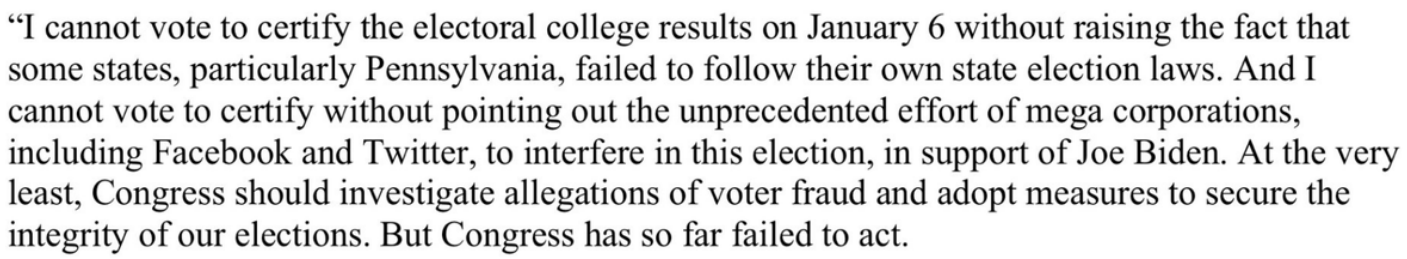
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But Joshua Hawley?

He literally says he's objecting because (i) Pennsylvania didn't follow its own laws--but as a US Senator from Missouri that is not in his jurisdiction.

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"I cannot vote to certify the electoral college results on January 6 without raising the fact that some states, particularly Pennsylvania, failed to follow their own state election laws. And I cannot vote to certify without pointing out the unprecedented effort of mega corporations, including Facebook and Twitter, to interfere in this election, in support of Joe Biden. At the very least, Congress should investigate allegations of voter fraud and adopt measures to secure the integrity of our elections. But Congress has so far failed to act.

He says he's objecting because (ii) BigTech interfered--but offers no evidence.

He says he's objecting because (iii) there should be investigations--as a Senator he could make that happen *without* objecting at all. But he hasn't.

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January 2nd--He takes his role of "sole defender" and "champion of MAGA" seriously and tells everyone "It's time to STAND UP."

Calling for action. Calling for revolt. Calling for confrontation.

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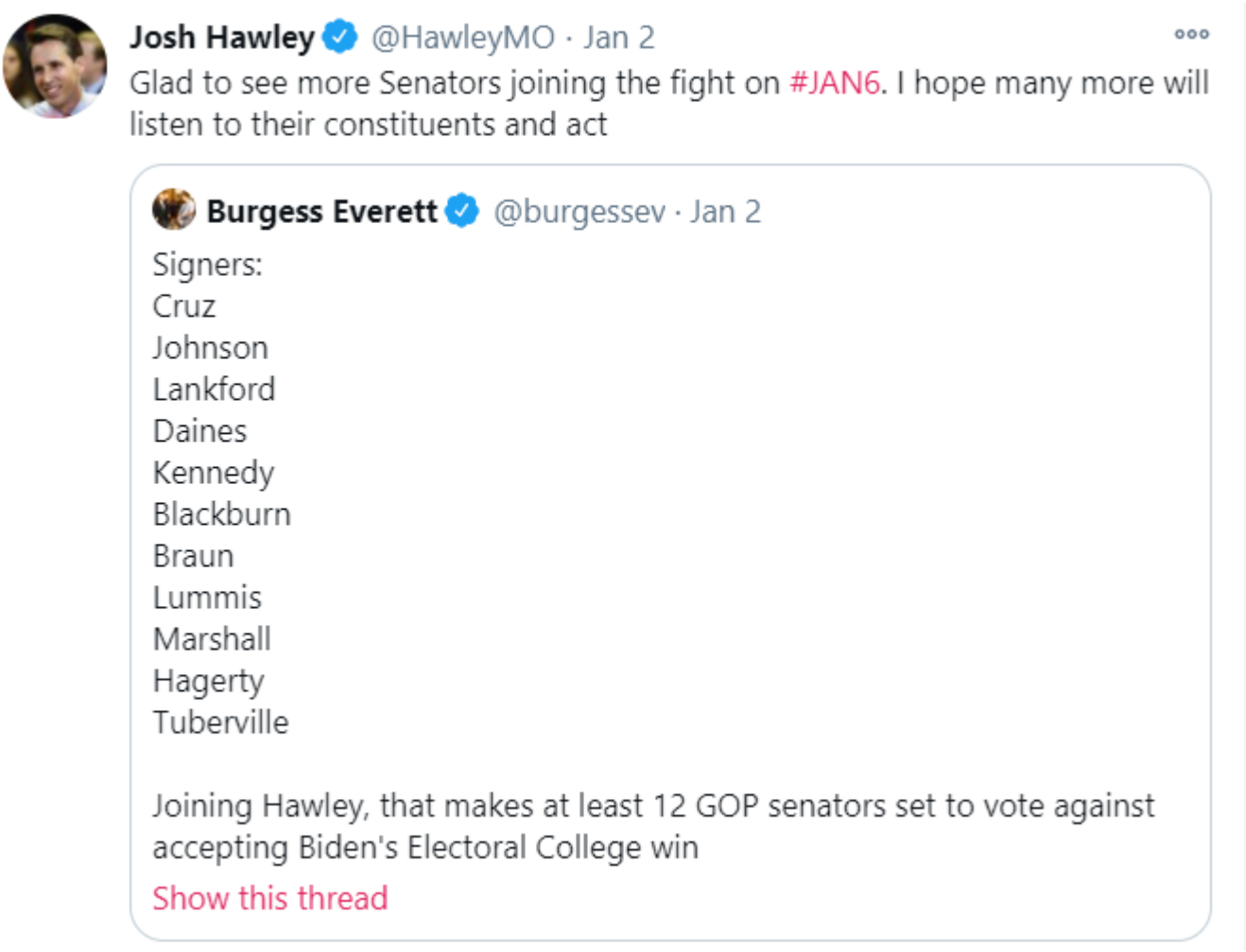


January 2nd--When he recruits more soldiers to his cause, he's "glad" to have "more Senators joining the fight" on January 6th.

And the tweet he is retweeting *actually says* that these votes are in opposition to Biden's electoral victory.

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Yes, that's right--he wanted people to join the "fight" against "accepting Biden's Electoral College win."

This was never merely an academic exercise on separation of powers issues under the Pennsylvanian Constitution.

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January 4th--He goes on Fox News + says the winner of the presidency "depends on what happens on Wednesday."

When asked whether he's responsible for telling the truth--that Biden will be President--Hawley stutters.

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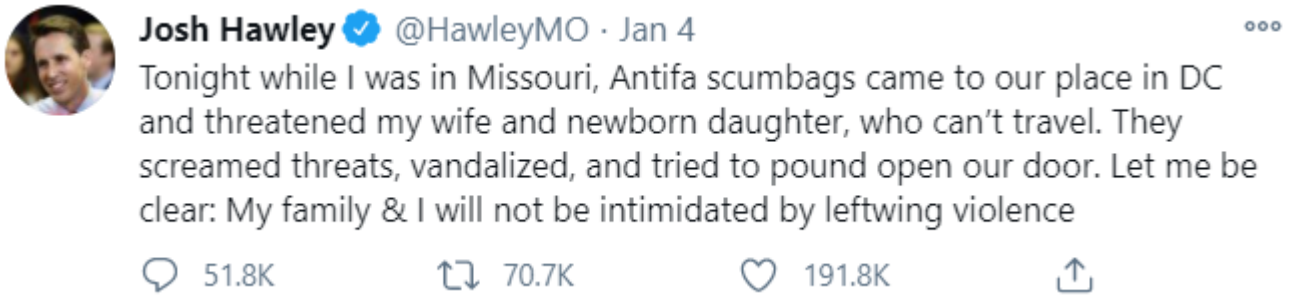


January 4th--Later that evening a non-violent protest takes place outside of Hawley's home.

Hawley lies about the protest, saying people tried to pound open his door, vandalized his home, and threatened his family---none of this happened.

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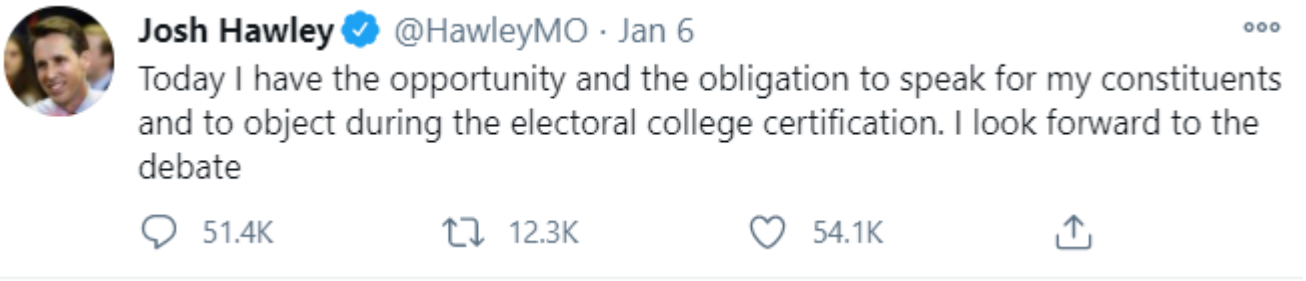
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January 6th--Prior to the terror attack, Hawley continues his charade of being the people's champion for election integrity. He's looking forward to having his moment in the sun.

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January 6th--While the insurrectionists sit outside of the Capitol, Joshua Hawley walks by and gives them a salute--showing support for their march to "Stop the Steal" that never happened.

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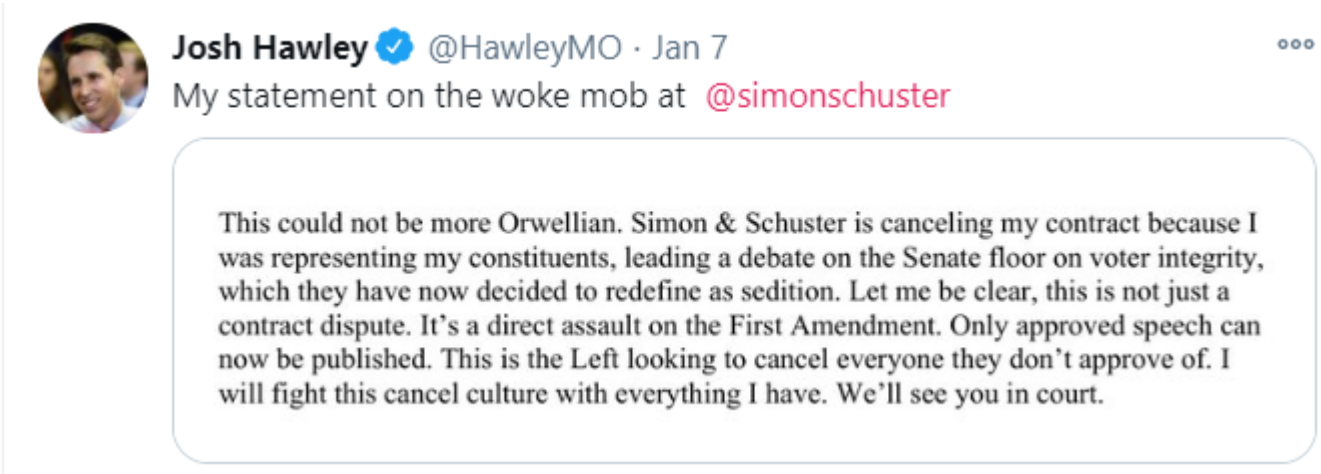
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January 7th--After five people have lost their lives, Joshua Hawley finally comes forward with a statement on the terrorist attack he incited--about another kind of loss--that of his book deal.

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January 8th--Hawley ends his non-stop tweeting from his personal account + pokes his head out angry for being held accountable.

Hawley back peddles--insisting he only questioned about "the way elections were conducted" in Pennsylvania.

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Hawley on Biden Nazi Comparison: Undignified, Immature, and Intemperate Behavior

Friday, January 8, 2021

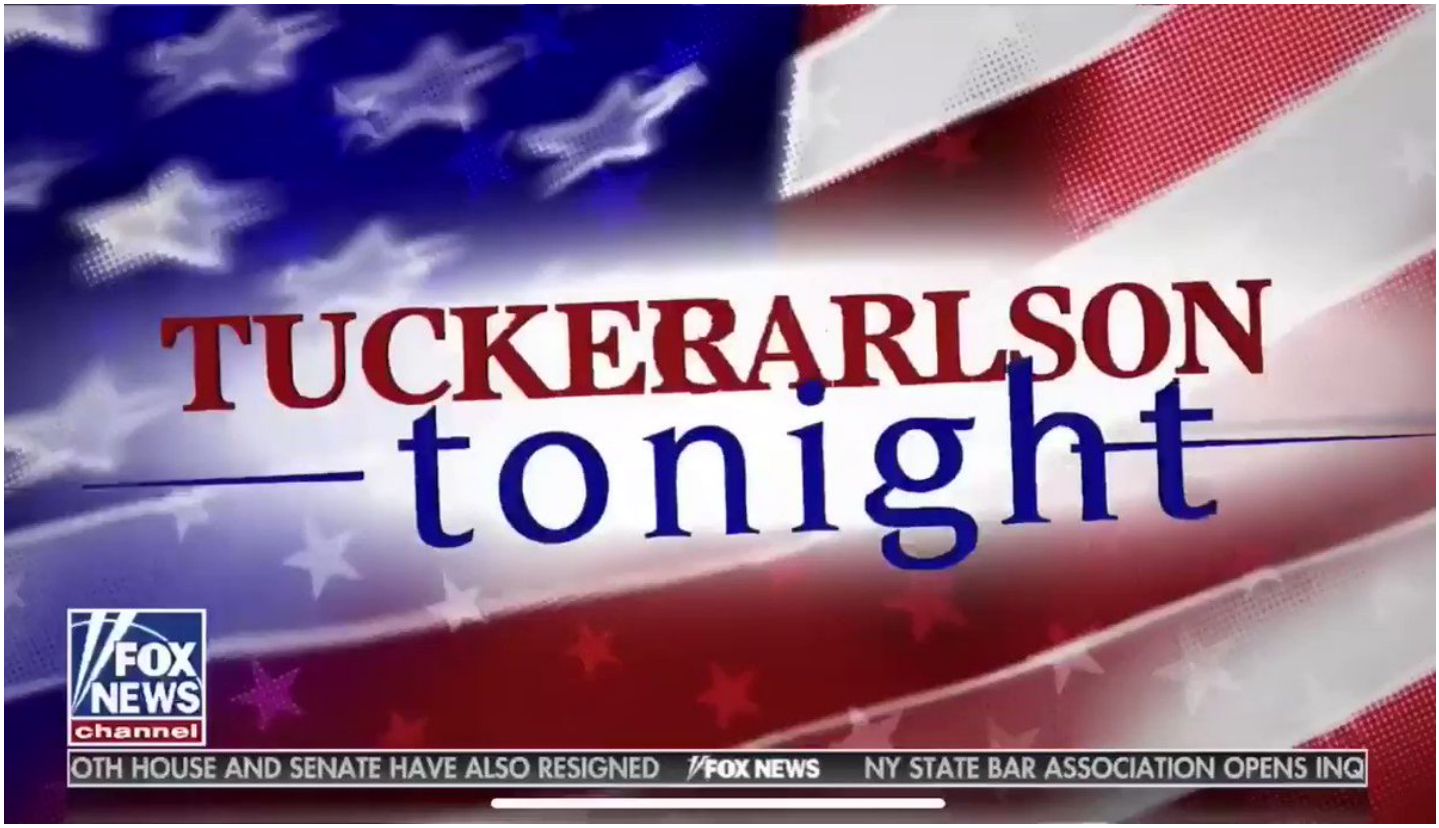
U.S. Senator Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) issued the following statement responding to President-elect Joe Biden's comparison of him and Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) to a Nazi propagandist:

> "President-elect Biden has just compared me and another Republican Senator to Nazis. You read that correctly. Think about that for a moment. Let it sink in. Because I raised questions in the format prescribed by the laws of the United States about the way elections were conducted in the state of Pennsylvania, just as Democrats did about other states in 2001, 2005, and 2017, he is calling me a Nazi. This is undignified, immature, and intemperate behavior from the President-elect. It is utterly shameful. He should act like a dignified adult and retract these sick comments. And every Democrat member of congress should be asked to disavow these disgusting comments."

January 11th--While hiding from his constituents, Joshua Hawley visits his nest at Fox News--not to apologize--not to mourn the dead--not to finally tell the truth--but to complain about his book deal....again.

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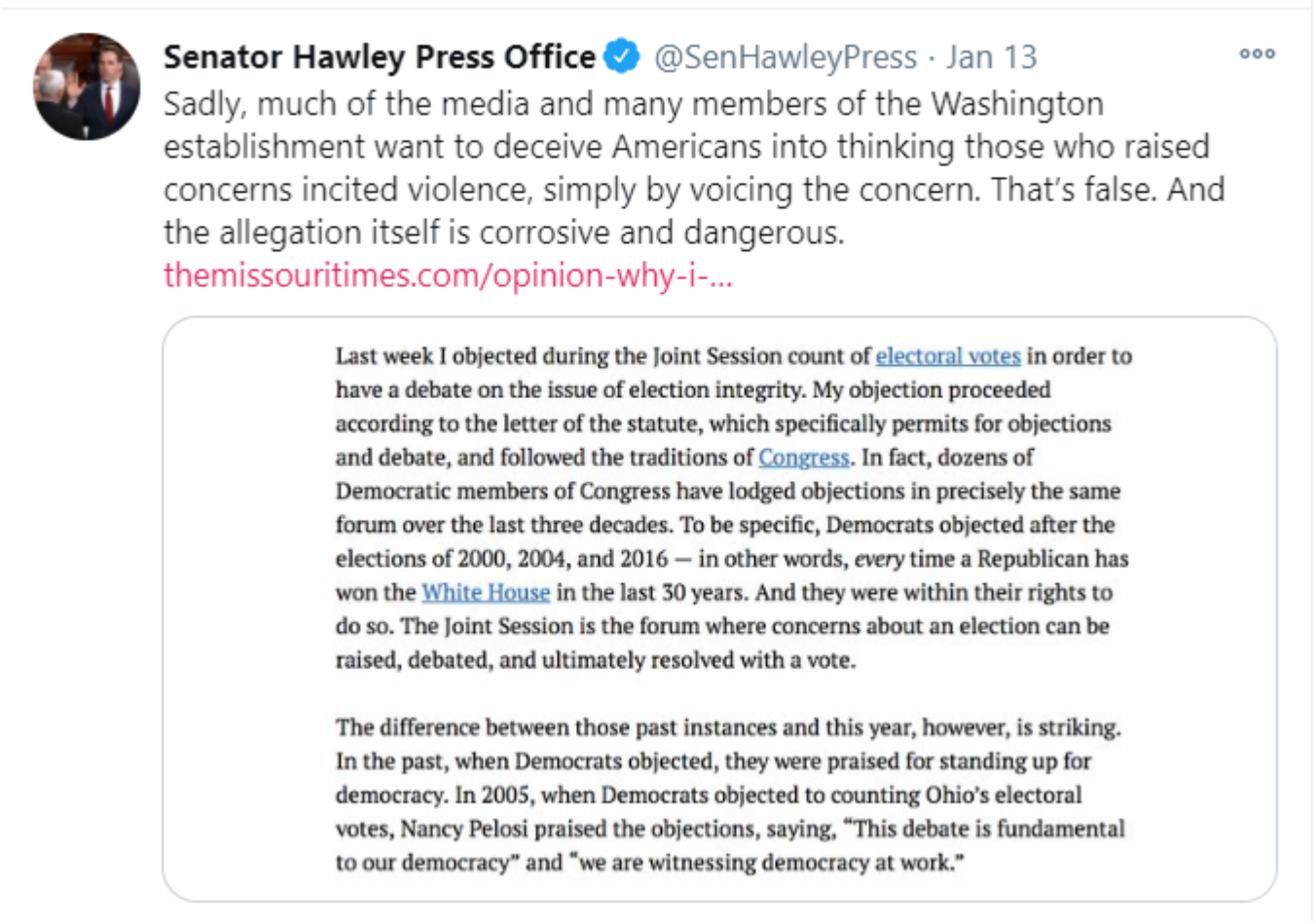


January 13th--Hawley continues to back peddle claiming that he simply voiced a concern and isn't responsible for the resulting violence.

He did not merely raise a concern--he inspired an army and they attacked our US Capitol.

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And he continues to do it.

He continues to lie about Pennsylvania and that further legitimizes the violence at the Capitol.

He continues to put forward the lie that Democrats have done what he is doing.

He continues to sow doubt while fanning the flames.

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He wants to dehumanize democrats further while lifting his political MAGA capital higher.

He is an ongoing present danger and that is why he must be removed from the US Senate, investigated, and prosecuted for his previous 10 weeks of incitement built on baseless claims.

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He must face consequences for the sowing of doubt.

He must be held accountable for fanning the flames.

I promise you, he will rise again if you don't.

Next time he won't fall on his face, because next time his success won't be dependent upon Trump's competence.

Bonus Tweet: This is just what I found solely by searching your Twitter, Joshua. Imagine what people are going to find when they look at your interviews, speeches, emails, texts + phone calls.

Imagine what we'll find when you get your first subpoena.

It will be so much worse.