Naomi Wolf apologizes

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Last week a sleepy piece of news dropped that no one noticed when it happened. Small wonder no one noticed, given the failure of the Silicon Valley Bank, and the <u>raucous</u> <u>Weaponization Subcommittee hearings</u>. But the Democrats on that committee – Del. Stacey Plaskett (D-U.S.V.I.) and Rep. Debbie Wassermann-Schultz (D-Fla.) among others – should have taken due note of this event before they mouthed off during those hearings. For Naomi Wolf, a journalist who bought their narrative hook, line, and sinker, has now apologized for doing so. Furthermore, her apology will doubtless serve as a tactical map for Republicans as the formerly hunted hunt their hunters.

Date of the Naomi Wolf apology

Naomi Wolf <u>posted</u> her apology publicly – meaning not behind any paywall – on her Substack page on March 9. The *Western Journal* <u>picked it up</u> the next day, and *The Times of America* <u>picked it up</u> two days later. *CNAV* noticed it in an Instagram feed yesterday morning. But the legacy media *did not report this at all*. Instead they seemed to collaborate on a new narrative, one that Del. Plaskett angrily articulated in the Weaponization Subcommittee. As Ranking Member, she accused the Republican contingent, and their star witnesses, of "attempting to rewrite ... history." And what is that "history" she so fervently wants to protect? That President Donald J. Trump, in the final days of his Presidency, planned and ordered an insurrection and a mass takeover of the Capitol on January 6, 2021. Naomi Wolf believed that narrative – and now, she doesn't.

This is nothing short of disastrous for the Democrats. Rumors are already starting to fly that the Republicans are preparing to charge Members of the "January 6 Committee" with a number of offenses. Presumably they could include, without limitation:

- 1. Misprision of a felony or felonies, including, without limitation, treason against the United States, and
- 2. Withholding exculpatory evidence in criminal trials and encouraging various prosecuting attorneys to do the same.

By far their worst offense is not necessarily criminal, but Constitutional: sitting on a Committee, the sole mission of which is to write and report favorably, bills of attainder and an *ex post facto* law.

Details of the apology

Naomi Wolf now announces that she wants no further part of that. But she knows she must apologize for the role she has already played, and words she has already written. And apologize she does – and people like Del. Plaskett and Reps. Wasserman-Schultz, Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), Pete Aguilar (D-Calif.), Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), and former Reps. Liz Cheney (RINO-Wyo.), Adam Kinzinger (RINO-III.), Stephanie Murphy (D-Fla.), and Elaine Luria (D-Va.) will doubtless wish she hadn't. (Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., chairman of the January 6 Committee, already knows what's coming. Already he is protesting that he never saw the damning footage Tucker Carlson famously excerpted.)

She begins by telling the American people what she will *not* do:

It's tempting to sweep this confrontation with my own gullibility under the rug — to "move on" without ever acknowledging that I was duped, and that as a result I made mistakes in judgment, and that these mistakes, multiplied by the tens of thousands and millions on the part of people just like me, hurt millions of other people like you all, in existential ways. But that erasure of personal and public history would be wrong.

Right or wrong, that is what leftists do. And by *you* she means conservatives everywhere, whether they entered the Capitol, or attended the big rally ... or not.

It's the People's Capitol

Which brings us to one important point she makes: the Capitol, and the White House, are public buildings.

[They] have always been open to U.S. citizens and foreign visitors.

Why else, she asks, did Congress, then under President James Buchanan, <u>build the Galleries</u> that overlook the House and Senate? Your editor visited the House Gallery in the winter following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Don't just take our word for it; see for yourselves. (The replica Senate suite that Columbia Pictures built for *Mister Smith*

Goes to Washington in 1939 includes the Senate Gallery. So does Statuary Hall.) And raucous crowds have a precedent: the <u>Electoral Commission of 1877</u>, that gave the Presidency to Rutherford B. Hayes.

Naomi Wolf also decries calling the January 6 event an "insurrection." The <u>Bonus Army</u>, she says, might have been an insurrection. This was not.

Those who violently entered the Capitol or who engaged in violence inside of it, must of course be held accountable. (As must violent protesters of every political stripe anywhere.)

But in addition, anyone in leadership who misrepresented to the public the events of the day so as to distort the complexity of its actual history — must also be held accountable.

Jan 6 has become, as the DNC intended it to become, after the fact, a "third rail"; a shorthand used to dismiss or criminalize an entire population and political point of view.

It was also a false-flag pseudo-operation, and the DNC knew it.

Naomi Wolf calls out specific lies

Naomi Wolf goes on to correct the record on several points, in this order:

- Speakers of the House *are* in charge of the Capitol Police. Whoever denies that, is lying.
- Office Brian Sicknick died of <u>complication of stroke</u>. The Capitol Police' own Medical Examiner *does not* assign the manner of death as "homicide," but as "<u>natural causes</u>." Yet the Capitol Police also list him as having died in the line of duty as we predicted. Odd because he was walking around in apparent good health all day that day. He suffered his two strokes the day *after* the event.
- Sen. Charles M. Schumer (D-N.Y.), Majority Leader, shamefully says Fox News should not use the footage. But *he does not deny the reality or the veracity of that footage*. (He can't unless he wants to look like not only a liar but a stupid liar.)
- Sen. Mitch McConnell (RINO-Ky.), Minority Leader, similarly <u>called</u> it a "mistake" to contradict the official narrative.

Wolf then says that excerpting the footage, which is part of the national "common," is no different from *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* printing excerpts from Daniel Ellsberg's Pentagon Papers. (The Supreme Court held, in *U.S. v. New York Times and Washington Post*, that those papers acted within their rights.)

No guidance?

Then she reveals this stunner. Capitol Police officers <u>received no guidance</u> on how to handle the situation when it got out of control. Officer Tarik Johnson told this to Tucker Carlson. He could have told it to the January 6 Committee, but they never called him to testify.

My voice is one of the first ones you hear on the audio transmission. So I did expect to get an interview sometime, but it didn't happen. I guess the focus was on Donald Trump.

Of course it was. Such is the nature of false-flag pseudo-operations. Which are, by definition, attacks you stage *on yourself* with the intent to blame others for them. In this case, the Capitol Police violated their own security procedures, allowing a break in the <u>chain of command</u>. For that, they could have only one motive.

And what about Jacob Chansley getting a Capitol Police <u>escort</u> through the building? They even ushered him onto the very *floor of the Senate chamber*. In fact, *no one enters that Chamber* except a Senator, a Senator-elect or Senator-designate, a page, or rarely an emergency first responder. Now Chansley's former attorney says he never saw the footage, either – as he absolutely should have.

The violence of Jan 6 and its subsequent service as a talking point by the Democrats' leadership, risks its use also to justify the closing off of our public buildings from US citizens altogether.

This would be convenient for tyrants of any party.

And how! (Hint: it's already happened.)

And those aren't the only lies

Naomi Wolf goes on to apologize for believing many other lies the legacy media have told. She cites NPR, MSNBC, and *The New York Times*, but we have no reason to suppose they were the only ones telling these lies. So the following are *true* statements she now acknowledges to be true:

- Hunter Biden's laptop was real. Whoever <u>called it a Russian plant</u>, is lying. That applies even to a hoity-toity place like <u>The Johns Hopkins University</u>.
- The Trump campaign did not collaborate with any Russian agency; nor was Trump a Russian asset.
- Christopher Steele's <u>dossier</u> was a tissue of lies. (And as an aside, Britain's MI-6 clearly is not and never was the fabled Secret Service familiar to fans of Commander James Bond, C.M.G., R.N.V.S.R.)
- Trump *did* encourage people to "peacefully and patriotically let your voice be heard."

 The legacy media <u>kept that fact secret</u>. So did Twitter, until Elon Musk bought it. Here are the relevant tweets:

https://t.co/izItBeFE6G

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) January 6, 2021

Please support our Capitol Police and Law Enforcement. They are truly on the side of our Country. Stay peaceful!

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) January 6, 2021

I am asking for everyone at the U.S. Capitol to remain peaceful. No violence! Remember, WE are the Party of Law & Order – respect the Law and our great men and women in Blue. Thank you!

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) January 6, 2021

pic.twitter.com/csX07ZVWGe

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) January 8, 2021

The 75,000,000 great American Patriots who voted for me, AMERICA FIRST, and MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, will have a GIANT VOICE long into the future. They will not be disrespected or treated unfairly in any way, shape or form!!!

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) January 8, 2021

To all of those who have asked, I will not be going to the Inauguration on January 20th.

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) January 8, 2021

And speaking of whom...!

I don't like President Trump. (Do I not? Who knows? I have been lied to about him so much for so long, I can't tell whether my instinctive aversion is simply the habituated residue of years of being on the receiving end of lies.)

But I like the liars who are our current gatekeepers, even less.

She's right. When a witness lies about a material point, no one can rely on anything else that witness says.

Naomi Wolf signs off

Naomi Wolf acknowledges that some might call her apology "too little, too late." *CNAV* does not take that view. Instead *CNAV* credits her with acting like an adult, and facing the music like one. Many of the external links in this essay in fact came from her.

She has declined to draw from the evidence certain more disturbing conclusions that Tucker Carlson drew. Perhaps, also, she cannot imagine, much less deduce, that the entire event was a false-flag pseudo-operation. If she could, this would explain a great many things she says she cannot explain. How Jacob Chansley, in his outlandish costume and make-up, got a police escort, for example.

But if any person on the political left was going to issue such an apology, Naomi Wolf would be first. Now that she has done it – and shown who has the receipts, and who doesn't – conservatives are in honor bound to acknowledge her contrition – and her contribution.

The real issues

Clearly not all her subscribers feel that way. Some want to make the narrative last that not only was the event an insurrection, but that Trump wants to be a dictator. One such comment reveals the *real* issues that drive the "January 6 Insurrection" narrative. This person says she "went into therapy," thus casting serious doubt on the value of secular psychiatric treatment today. She calls our country:

a deeply-divided nation completely lost in a haze.

And to clear that haze, she would appear to plump for:

- A University Professoriat dedicated to indoctrinating students with socialistic ideology,
- The adoption of "alternative lifestyles" for the very sake of adopting "alternative lifestyles,"
- Abortion on demand for any reason or no reason,
- A prohibition against Christianity and presumably against the Judaism of the *Tanakh* (whether that applies to the Talmud is an open question), and
- Making new law that no person, except a law-enforcement officer, an active-duty
 military service member, a Very Important Person or his/her/their bodyguard, shall own,
 carry, or so much as touch, much less discharge, a firearm.

One infers the above, not from what the commenter actually says she advocates, but from what she says she decries. *CNAV* will avow that Donald J. Trump got in the way of all these things. *That* is the real issue in the debate on what did, or did not, happen on January 6, 2021.

Acceptance

Happily, the bulk of the comments Naomi Wolf's essay has received, have been positive. Of course we accept her apology. Because it expresses sincere contrition and also explains much that the promoters of the false narrative never could explain. Most of the commenters, to their credit, understand that.

The larger question is why the legacy media studiously ignored this document when it first appeared. This old CNN <u>article</u> speaks volumes: the legacy media feared even last summer that the Republicans might someday avenge themselves. That day has now arrived. As *CNAV* has said before, the Varian Commission is no more, and the Plautian Commission has succeeded. The once hunted are now hunting the hunters.

It's happening already. At 9:45 a.m. EDT came this tweet showing a motion-to-dismiss in a January 6 criminal trial.

BREAKING: Public defender for Zachary Rehl—whose emails were surveilled by FBI and apparently shared with prosecutors—filed motion this morning to dismiss case against him <u>pic.twitter.com/dFSFx6lfiL</u>

— Julie Kelly 🌉 (@julie_kelly2) March 13, 2023

Less than a quarter of an hour later, came this:

WHOA – if I am reading this correctly, it appears that FBI deleted messages related to Proud Boys case, evidence required to be produced to defense.

pic.twitter.com/bXwLx15hKI

— Julie Kelly **■** (@julie_kelly2) March 13, 2023

We see here not only withholding of exculpatory evidence but *willful and malicious destruction* of that evidence. This behavior is enough to dismiss *every* case against *any* defendant charged for these events. Even one whom authorities suspect of the worst acts, deserve proper handling of their cases under the Constitution. Defendants in other criminal cases have beaten murder raps on lesser lapses than this.

And then maybe we can try a certain Capitol Police officer for unlawfully taking a life under color of authority. That's one apology Naomi Wolf didn't have to make – but someone must.

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