

TUCKER CARLSON, FOX NEWS: President Trump became the third president in history to be impeached by the House of Representatives. Over on the other channels, Jeff Zucker and his friends are hyperventilating. They want you to believe that this is the Hindenburg of political stories. It's the most significant event in American governance since the continental congress. The president apparently doesn't agree. He seems nonplussed, even cheerful. He's in Battle Creek, Michigan tonight, holding a rally. We'll bring you his response when we get it. Here in Washington, meanwhile, things have taken a distinctly hallucinogenic feel, like the entire staff at the Department of Reality took an all-inclusive cruise to Barbados and didn't come back. Everywhere you look, adults are behaving like children, drunk ones. Hilarious absurdities now seem normal. Transparent lies pass as truth. Hunter Biden is regarded as a world-class expert on natural gas and corporate governance. On television, people with advanced degrees assure you that giving weapons to Ukraine guarantees American national security. On CNN, they're telling you that Democrats are despondent over impeaching the man they hate most in the world. They're all wearing black today because they really mean it. It wasn't choreographed. These are people who haven't set foot in a church without a camera in 20 years. Yet they're sincerely, and we're not joking about this, deeply prayerful about the whole impeachment process. They're incredibly solemn:

BASH: Back to the notion of where we are, and how the Democrats are feeling today. You can feel it in the air here, it feels different. It's palpable. That this is momentous. That this is grave. And again, it is, despite the Democrats' talking points, not something that this Speaker wanted to do for and about this President.

Imagine reading a political party's talking points verbatim every day of the year, and pretending it's news. That's what it's like to be a CNN anchor. Or for that matter, an NBC employee. All week, Democrats have been telling you that they're on the side of the constitution and the framers who wrote it. Yes, these are the people trying to repeal the first and second amendments. But, seriously, they love the founders. It's a tough argument to make. But guess who buys it completely, and is happy to repeat it like a trained seal? If you guessed Chuck Todd of MSNBC, pour yourself another glass of rose:

Chuck Todd: You know, I think this is the real challenge with sort of dealing with this president, is that I don't think he really even appreciates the Constitution. Alright? I don't know if he has this reverence for it that most elected officials in Washington eventually do end up having a reverence for it. He doesn't seem to sort of understand the founding. I mean, I think one of the fairest criticisms of him by historians is that he doesn't seem to understand the story of America.

Hear that? He just doesn't understand the story of America. But goes who does understand that story? Congressman Alcee Hastings of Florida. Hastings was once a well known judge. Then he was impeached and removed for corruption. Literally put on trial and convicted. Now, Democrats have installed Hastings on the House Rules committee, where he's an important moral voice in favor of — you guessed it — impeaching the president. Who is orange and bad and must be removed. Because, as the party of sanctuary cities never tires of reminding you, “nobody is above the law”:

House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn: Today we have a president who seems to believe he is a king or above the law.

REP. Barbara Lee (D-CA) No one is above the law.

Rep Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL): No one is above the law

Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY): The president is not above the law

Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-TX): Because no one is above the law.

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY): No one is above the law.

Rep Ted Deutch (D-FL): Remind the world that in America, no one is above the law.

Nobody is above the law! Except for anyone who might potentially vote Democrat. In which case, laws are racist and must be ignored. Pretty funny. But here's something even funnier: Those articles of impeachment that we must pass in order to uphold the law that nobody is above? Neither article actually accuses the president of breaking a law. So what are we doing here in the first place? Ask Hakeem Jeffries. As he'll tell you, impeachment has a lot to do with — and you'd never have guessed this — slavery. Bet you didn't see that coming. Watching him explain:

JEFFRIES: There are some who cynically argue that the impeachment of this president will further divide an already fractured union, but there is a difference between division and clarification. Slavery once divided the nation, but emancipators rose up to clarify that all men are created equally. Suffrage once divided the nation, but women rose up to clarify that all voices must be heard in our democracy... There is a difference between division and clarification.

How did people this ridiculous get power in this country? Good question. We ought to be meditating on that. But mostly we're not, because we're all too mesmerized by the latest in a series of absurd farces — beginning with Russia, Stormy Daniels and now impeachment — that if you were a cynical person, you might suspect were designed from the beginning to distract you what what's actually going on. And what is actually going on? A lot, it turns out. For example, before it leaves town for Christmas, Congress will pass a two-thousand page spending bill, amounting to about \$1.4 trillion dollars. What's in it? Wouldn't you like to know. You're busy watching impeachment to read it. But here's a selection: thousands of Liberians living in this country will get a special pathway to citizenship. How did that happen? Don't ask. It was never debated. You had no idea it was even happening until now. And of course that was the point. Or how about the war in Afghanistan? A few weeks ago, The Washington Post released a massive trove of documents, revealing that our leaders systematically hid the truth of a failing war from the American public. It should have been the scandal of the year. Instead, the documents were forgotten almost immediately, thanks to impeachment. In this new spending bill, Congress just voted to keep the money flowing unimpeded to that failed war. Four billion dollars will go to the Afghan Security Forces, even though we already know the money will be wasted. The troops we hire will desert. Their weapons will end up with the Taliban. If anything, the money we send will be spent to kill American forces. Congress is doing it anyway. Meanwhile, congress is still busily working to undermine your constitutional rights. This spending bill currently includes \$25 million to spend on "gun violence research." This isn't social science. The money will fund ideologically-motivated research that will allow bureaucrats to demand strict new gun control laws. You'd think that might bother Democrats. They've spent all day extolling the Constitution. But of course they don't really care about the bill of rights. If it's an obstacle to their power, they're against it. That category includes both stubborn constitutional amendments, and sitting presidents. Congressman Al Green all but said so today. When Green called for the president's impeachment, he didn't mention high crimes and misdemeanors. He accused Trump of disagreeing with his views on immigration:

*Al Green: In the name of democracy, on behalf of the republic, and for the sake of the many who are suffering *gestures to picture* , I will vote to impeach and I encourage my colleagues to do the same as well.*

When you oppose the Democratic Party's immigration plans, what you're really doing is challenging their plans to accumulate more power. In their view, that's the only impeachable offense.