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## Donald, Get Ready, There's a Trial A Comin'<sup>1</sup>

*Michael K. Cantwell*

“If it be now, 'tis not to come. If it be not to come, it will be now. If it be not now, yet it will come—the readiness is all.” *Hamlet*

It *is* now, Donald, but it is also *to come*. Alvin Bragg is the first but will not be the last. Fani Willis and Jack Smith are waiting in the wings.

But being convicted or even going to the slammer may not be your biggest worry. Your legal woes are helping propel you to the Republican nomination once again, and that presents an existential threat to the Republican Party.

Of course, the Party of Big Lies is lining up behind you at this point because it has no choice. You already lead DeSantis by more than 30 points in the latest poll, and a substantial majority of Republican voters see no problem with a man under indictment (or even convicted) running for president (so long as that man is you). Clearly, you are the presumptive nominee, and I hope you get the nod.

Other than the wingnuts in the Freedom Caucus (“whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad”), most Republicans facing reelection will be considerably less sanguine about your third run. They understand the Hobson's choice that awaits them if you're their standard bearer.

They can distance themselves from you and lose the knuckle-dragging Neanderthal vote. Or they can repeat your Big Lies and lose everyone else.

Now, just suppose *you* ran a criminal enterprise and someone was threatening to destroy it. What would you do? That's what you should be worrying about.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Delray Democrat](#), April 2023 Breaking, page 1.