

# The Delray Democrat

## Debunking the Big Lies<sup>1</sup>

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“These Lies Are Like Their Father that Begets Them, Gross as a Mountain, Open, Palpable,”  
*Henry V, Part 1*

### **Biden Destroyed “My Beautiful Economy”**

This constitutes a double lie. It wasn't Trump's economy to begin with—he *inherited* the longest post-War expansion from President Obama and then drove it into a ditch.

Second, even before Covid, “his” economy wasn't the “strongest ever.” Obama's last 3 years were better than Trump's first three. More jobs were created, the GDP was greater, and there was a larger drop in unemployment. And Trump increased the deficit by nearly three times as much as Obama (\$6.7 trillion versus \$2.4 trillion).

Biden's numbers beat both of his predecessors, with the sole exception of inflation, caused principally by COVID, and now itself beaten (“Deconstructing the Inflation Bogeyman,” page 5).

If Trump won't give Biden a pass for COVID, he can't use COVID as an excuse for the fact that he is the first president since Herbert Hoover to leave office with fewer Americans working than when he entered office. Under his presidency, unemployment rose 1.6%, annualized GDP was an anemic 1.4%, and 2.7 million jobs were lost. Biden created over 15 million jobs, had a GDP of 3.5%, and lowered unemployment by 1.5%.

### **Worst President Ever?**

The most pernicious of Trump's Big Lies is his claim that Biden was the worst president in history. It's as widely believed as it is readily refutable.

In [five different polls](#) of presidential scholars and political scientists, Trump twice tied for dead last and has never placed higher than 41st. Biden came in 14th and 19th in the two polls in which he was included. Look in the mirror, Donald. Reality bites, doesn't it?.

### **Voter Fraud Is Rampant**

This Big Lie did not originate with Donald Trump. When Trump was still bankrupting his casinos and getting bailed out by his daddy and Russian money, Republicans were promoting the Big Lie of Voter Fraud to justify rampant Voter Suppression. That is the real fraud and was the

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greatest threat to democracy until a psychologically damaged and intellectually challenged carnival barker descended a golden escalator. For just as long, Republicans have failed to find evidence to prove its existence. In fact, they've unintentionally made a very strong case of proving the **non-existence** of voter fraud.

A [five-year effort](#) to find and prosecute voter fraud begun under former President George W. Bush identified 120 instances nationwide. That translates to a less than one instance per state every other year. A commission Trump established to "prove" he "won" the popular vote in 2016, led by former Vice President Mike Pence and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, [disbanded](#) without finding any evidence of voter fraud.

The icing on the cake belongs to The Heritage Foundation, once a respected if conservative think tank that has gone rogue. Under the leadership of a new president, Kevin Roberts, the Heritage Foundation launched Project 2025, a "battle plan" for what Roberts bumptiously describes as a second "American Revolution" that he [threatens](#) "will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be."

For years, the Heritage Foundation has published an online "Election Fraud Database" that collects and reports "proven instances of voter fraud." I first encountered the database several years ago, when it included over 1,200 such cases. The most recent version contains 1,546 instances. Sound like a lot? It probably does . . . if you are an innumerate, but if you can understand that 1,546 must be divided first by the 45 years and then by the 50 states covered by the database, we're talking about "*two proven instances of voter fraud per state every three years.*" Even richer is the fact that the database contains a grand total of 23 cases from 2020 involving voter fraud, only 1 of which occurred in a swing state won by Biden.

### **The "Stolen" Election**

This Big Lie fueled the failed putsch on January 6. According to witnesses at the January 6 Commission hearings, Trump knew it to be a lie from the start.

He is once again saying that the only way he can lose the 2024 election is if it is stolen by fraud. That's the same playbook he used before, and 60% of Republicans still believe that Big Lie, even though Trump recently admitted on a [podcast](#) that he "lost by a whisker." He used similar language at an Aug. 30 Moms for Liberty [event](#), which, of course royally pissed off some of those who believed the Big Lie.

White nationalist and Holocaust denier Nick Fuentes (whom Trump had infamously invited to dinner at the White House) whined on his [podcast](#) that Trump had betrayed his followers, people who were charged and jailed because they had believed Trump and answered his exhortation to "fight like hell" on January 6. Fuentes himself wasn't arrested but said his life was "ruined for years" by having his bank accounts frozen, being put on a no-fly list, and failing to make money for several years. If you can stomach the anti-Semitic filth that begins his commentary and is pervasive in the comments to the video, hearing him whine about how disillusioned he's become is pure schadenfreude.

His anger and the anger of those now serving long sentences because they believed in the Big Lie is why Trump republished it at the presidential debate he lost to Kamala Harris, claiming that

he was speaking sarcastically when he said he'd lost.

### **Immigrants Are Poisoning the Blood of America**

Donald Trump's father Fred was [arrested](#) at a riot that erupted when 1,000 white-robed members of the Ku Klux Klan marched through Queens, New York on Memorial Day in 1927. In the 1920s the Klan had made itself "respectable" as part of the anti-immigrant movement.

At the time, anti-immigrant hysteria was directed at Catholic and Jewish emigres from Southern and Eastern Europe, respectively. The Reed-Johnson Immigration Act cut the quota of immigrants from these countries from 41% to 11%, but that didn't stop them from coming.

Enforcement was lax and subsequent amnesties gave them a foothold in the country, from which to sire many of the racists who are being swept away in the current hysteria.

We've debunked Trump's lies about immigration [here](#) and [here](#). Suffice it to say that there are no "shithole countries," but there are "shithole people," and topping the list of such people is the man who would-be Führer.