

TRUMP'S BETRAYAL

MIKE POMPEO THEN vs. NOW

After reports [revealed](#) that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, contrary to his previous suggestions, listened in on President Trump's July 25 call with Ukrainian President Zelensky, Pompeo sent a letter to Congress refusing to comply with its investigation into Trump's betrayal of our national security. He justified his decision by alleging that Congress sought merely to "bully" and "intimidate" State Department officials.

This is the same Mike Pompeo who, as a Member of Congress, played a [leading role](#) propagating and pursuing conspiracies regarding the State Department's handling of the tragedy in Benghazi.

What would today's Mike Pompeo make of Congressman Pompeo?

Let's find out.

ON EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE

Pompeo now: "The requested records constitute the property of the Department of State and are subject to restrictions on the unauthorized disclosure of classified information and various Executive Branch privileges." [[Letter to Rep. Engel, 10/1/2019](#)]

Pompeo then: "The White House in particular left large holes in the investigation by denying the Committee access to documents and witnesses—often hiding behind vague notions of 'important and longstanding institutional interests of the Executive Branch.'" [[Proposed Additional Views of Representatives Jim Jordan and Mike Pompeo, 6/28/12](#)]

ON TIMING

Pompeo now: "The proposed dates for the depositions do not provide adequate time for the Department and its employees to appropriately prepare...you have asserted that failure by Department officials to meet your demonstrably inadequate timeline for voluntary appearances 'shall constitute evidence of obstruction'...I urge you to exercise restraint in making such unfounded statements in the future." [[Letter to Rep. Engel, 10/1/2019](#)]

Pompeo then: “What’s taken us so long is that the Democrats on the committee and this administration have played hide the ball and have denied us records that the American people deserve and that our committee needs to complete our investigation. We would’ve been happy to move more quickly, but we met with obstruction all along the way.” [[Meet the Press](#), 10/12/15]

ON RESPECT FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Pompeo now: “I am concerned with aspects of your request...that can be understood as an attempt to intimidate, bully, and treat improperly the distinguished professionals of the Department of State.” [[Letter to Rep. Engel](#), 10/1/2019]

Pompeo then: Is Hillary Clinton’s leadership [at the State Department] morally reprehensible?

“Yes. Absolutely...With respect to my statements about Secretary Clinton, I believe them in my heart.” [[Press Conference](#), 6/28/16]

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Pompeo now: “I will use all means at my disposal to prevent and expose any attempts to intimidate the dedicated professionals whom I am proud to lead and serve alongside at the Department of State.” [[Letter to Rep. Engel](#), 10/1/2019]

State Department Office of the Inspector General: Two Trump administration political appointees engaged in “inappropriate practices [that] included disrespectful and hostile treatment of employees, accusations against and harassment of career employees premised on claims that they were ‘disloyal’ based on their perceived political views.” [[OIG](#), August 2019]