

'What did Barack Obama know and what; and when did he authorize it?' Calls for scrutiny of fmr president's role grow stronger

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Now that Attorney General William Barr has informed Congress that special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation [did not find evidence](#) that President Trump or members of his campaign conspired with Russia to influence the 2016 election, nor did they find evidence that Trump obstructed justice, Ari Fleischer is calling for the well over due scrutiny of the Obama administration.

Lost in the in the mix, largely because of a protective media, is that Barack Obama was in the White House when the whole sordid Russian collusion hoax began.

And Fleischer, the former White House Press Secretary under President George W. Bush, took to Twitter to ask the very pertinent question.

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"Now that Mueller says there was no collusion, it is time to scrutinize the Obama Administration," he tweeted. "They spied on a US campaign, wiretapped Americans, bit on the dossier and unmasked Flynn. What did Barack Obama know and what and when did he authorize it?"

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— Ari Fleischer (@AriFleischer) [March 24, 2019](#)

In the autumn of 2016, the DOJ and FBI asked the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court for permission to begin surveilling former Trump campaign aide Carter Page — which began the process of spying on Trump's campaign.

And there are concerns from the GOP about possible abuse of power in obtaining the FISA warrant.

At the center of that effort is the largely discredited dossier, which was compiled by former British intelligence agent Christopher Steele and funded by Hillary Clinton's campaign — a fact the Justice Department failed to disclose to the court in obtaining the warrant.

A DOJ being run at the time by former Attorney General Loretta Lynch. So, what was then-President Obama's role in all of this, if any?

Sen. Lindsey Graham, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, took it a step further than Fleischer, urging the appointment of another special counsel to investigate the Obama administration.

Graham urges AG Bill Barr to appoint a second special counsel — "somebody like a Mr. Mueller" — to investigate the Obama administration
pic.twitter.com/Xf3ajGX8rw

— Aaron Rupar (@atrupar) [March 25, 2019](#)

The irony of it all, as noted by White House press secretary Sarah Sanders, is that the Russian interference in the U.S. election, such as it was, occurred on Obama's watch.

SARAH SANDERS:

- Calls for Comey, Clapper, Brennan, FBI leadership to be dragged before Congress for questioning

- Says they were "involved in the process of trying to take down the president" with an "absurd lie"

- Notes Russian interference occurred under the Obama Admin.
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— Benny (@bennyjohnson) [March 25, 2019](#)

Much like the night of the 9/11/2012 terrorist attack on Benghazi, the media loses all intellectual curiosity when it comes to Obama's whereabouts during critical events.

How do you know it's a legitimate concern?

Because former Obama senior adviser David Axelrod is fully engaged in a diversion campaign.

With the Mueller probe now being completed, Axelrod's question falls back on the infamous Helsinki press conference, asking why did Trump "meekly accept" Russian President Vladimir Putin's denial that they had interfered in the U.S. election.

One question:

What the Mueller probe established, according to the AG, is that the Russians hacked the DNC and engaged in an aggressive, covert campaign to influence our election.

So why did [@realDonaldTrump](#) stand next to Putin in Helsinki and meekly accept his denials?

— David Axelrod (@davidaxelrod) [March 24, 2019](#)

An inquiry that practically answers itself — in all likelihood, it was a clumsy attempt at diplomacy in trying to forge a better relationship with Moscow.

As for the Obama administration, Fox News' Jesse Watters [presented a case](#) for who he believes the culprits are in the now proven Russia collusion hoax.

"There are a lot of potential felonies that happened and abuse of power from the Obama Administration," he said.

'There are a lot of potential felonies ... from the Obama Admin': Jesse Watters' panel talks accountability <https://t.co/YwfaPDwKlapic.twitter.com/OybBdsYUfe>

— Conservative News (@BIZPACReview) [March 24, 2019](#)

Talk radio host Mark Levin responded to Fleischer's call for scrutiny to state the obvious: "Two years late but ok ..."

Two years late but ok ... <https://t.co/VhOwOUsg9z>

— Mark R. Levin (@marklevinshow) [March 24, 2019](#)

Here's a sampling of other responses from Twitter:

The Obama administration's last CIA director went on tv and repeatedly suggested that the sitting President committed treason and was an agent of the Russian Federation

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It is hard to overstate how reckless, stupid, and damaging to the reputation of the intel community this was

— Buck Sexton (@BuckSexton) [March 25, 2019](#)

History will not be kind to Comey, Brennan, and Clapper. And it's going to be downright devastating to Obama and Biden.

— Dan Bongino (@dbongino) [March 24, 2019](#)

You know what Congress should actually investigate?

*How DNC-funded dossier got to investigators

*How Comey's FBI abused FISA warrants to spy on [@realDonaldTrump](#)'s campaign

*How the Obama administration justified surveillance of American citizens

That's the real scandal here.

— Ronna McDaniel (@GOPChairwoman) [March 25, 2019](#)

Obama is very quiet, wonder why?

— Diamond and Silk® (@DiamondandSilk) [March 24, 2019](#)

It all started with Obama, Hillary, and the DNC, Obama's Justice department, FBI, Intelligence, CIA, NSA. The list is long.

— Chuck Woolery (@chuckwoolery) [March 25, 2019](#)