

**Statement for the Hearing Record by Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa**  
**Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**Unfit to Serve: How the Biden Cover-Up Endangered America and Undermined the**  
**Constitution**  
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Good morning. I'd like to welcome everyone to the Judiciary Committee's hearing.

We have multiple member statements today. So, without objection, I'll introduce my longer statement into the hearing record.

Today's hearing is about competency, corruption and cover-up within the Biden administration.

Simply put, the last administration was rudderless.

From one crisis to another, the Biden administration failed and faltered.

The partisan media did their best to cover-up those failures, but that can only be done for so long.

Having discussed these issues with my colleagues, Senators Cornyn and Schmitt, who requested to lead this hearing, all of us agreed that this committee must discuss these important matters.

An important part of this discussion involves the last administration's corrupt weaponization of law enforcement against Trump and his associates, which was done to try and win an election.

That, too, they tried to cover-up.

Since I became chairman of this committee, my investigative work has exposed how that weaponization was done.

Look at the FBI's Arctic Frost investigation, which ultimately became one of Jack Smith's cases against President Trump.

Based on government records [I've made public](#), the case's origin was anti-Trump FBI agent Thibault and his merry band of partisans.

A partisanship that should never be present in our FBI.

FBI Agent Thibault violated the FBI's [no self-approval rule](#).

Literally, there's a rule on the books in the FBI called the No Self-Approval Rule.

That rule says that a supervisor isn't supposed to create a case and then approve that case for themselves.

The records I've made public show he did exactly what that rule forbids.

His bad conduct also exposed the cultural rot within the FBI and the DOJ's leadership. All of them eagerly approved of Thibault's case.

All those alleged layers of review on the 7th Floor of the FBI building turned out to be the Democratic National Committee's echo chamber.

In [emails I made public](#), Thibault told anti-Trump prosecutor Thomas Windom: "This case will be prioritized over all others" and "it frankly took too long for us to open this."

The Biden FBI then proceeded to obtain possession of Trump's phone when he wasn't even a formal subject of the investigation.

The records indicate that the opening of Arctic Frost was an intentionally designed vehicle by which the Biden administration would ultimately prosecute their primary political opponent: President Trump.

Moreover, I questioned then nominee-Todd Blanche about whether Jack Smith provided emails I've made public to Trump's defense counsel.

[Blanche said the Biden prosecutors didn't provide all the emails.](#)

If the defense team knew that partisan FBI agents had opened the case against Trump in breach of FBI rules, they would've been able to raise those issues.

Then, I [made emails public](#) relating to the Biden administration's political investigation into Peter Navarro.

Thibault and his other anti-Trump agent, [Walter Giardina](#), were also involved in this case.

Upon hearing that Navarro would be indicted Thibault exclaimed, "Wow. Great."

Whistleblowers have told me that Special Agent Giardina [openly stated his desire to investigate Trump](#), even if it meant false predication.

Whistleblowers have also told me that Jack Smith's deputy, J.P. Cooney, wanted to open more cases on Trump.

He allegedly justified using compulsory process to obtain more information merely based on partisan news outlets.

And guess who was also allegedly involved in those communications?

Special Agent Walter Giardina.

All of this is more evidence of law enforcement weaponization that would've never seen the light of day but for whistleblowers.

I'll have more to say about this matter later today.

Then we have the Biden FBI's anti-Catholic Richmond memo.

That memo used the shoddy research of the radical Southern Poverty Law Center to accuse traditional Catholics of being violent extremists.

Based on [records I released](#) the other week, there wasn't just one FBI document that used biased anti-Catholic sources, but over a dozen.

The anti-Catholic memo was distributed far more broadly than the Biden FBI told Congress.

And more FBI field offices were involved than we'd been led to believe.

It wasn't just the Biden and Wray FBI that failed the people.

My oversight continues to reveal the Biden administration's either deliberate indifference or downright incompetence to unaccompanied children.

Recently, I [released records](#) showing that the Biden Health and Human Services also failed to address a backlog of over 65,000 reports expressing concern for unaccompanied children.

This included 7,346 reports related to trafficking.

At the same time the Biden administration was busy targeting pro-life Americans, parents at school board meetings and traditional Catholics, it failed to follow up on actual reporting of children in danger.

The Trump administration's now cleaning up this mess.

Three dozen cases have been accepted by U.S. Attorneys for prosecution, with 11 arrests and three convictions so far.

The Biden administration had a responsibility to do right by the American people.

By any metric, they failed.

The question is what did the president actually know or even understand, and who was actually running the government?

But regardless, the buck stops with the president, and President Biden will have to answer to history for what happened the last four years.