

Trump not treated impartially in inquiry

The key line from the Mueller hearing occurred when U.S. Rep. John Ratcliffe asked Robert Mueller if he could give an example of when exoneration was used as a legal standard by a prosecutor. Mueller responded, "I cannot, but this is a unique situation." Mueller admitted under oath, therefore, that he and his team consciously disregarded guidelines set by the Department of Justice. A prosecutor's view of a "unique situation," however, does not allow that prosecutor to alter the very foundation of the American judicial system – that is, the presumption of innocence. The American system of justice is supposed to be blind and requires all persons to be treated equally, even if that person is the president. Mueller admitted he consciously chose to change the burden of proof regarding an investigation of President Trump – a problematic choice, if a prosecutor is supposed to be impartial.

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