

[Transcript] The News Agents / This week on The News Agents USA: America's most conservative senator: The Exclusive

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On today's newsagents USA, we speak exclusively to the US senator from Utah, Mike Lee, about the race to be president, about the speaker, and about why he tried to help Trump secure the presidency in 2020 after he'd lost it.

Would you condemn anyone who was trying to overturn the results of the 2020 election?

Let's be clear about what we're talking about here.

There were those who believed we had authority to do it and who also believed, not without some good reason, that there were massive irregularities.

As there would be any time the bulk of the country moves to universal mail-in balloting for the first time ever, there are going to be some irregularities and some serious questions. It's too broad a brush to paint with to say, I'm going to paint anyone who raised questions about it, who had concerns, who maybe mistakenly thought we had authority to fix it at that stage, as someone who's trying to overturn the election.

As for those behind the so-called fake-electors plot, willing to set forward new slates of electors that were not real, not legitimate, hadn't been duly appointed by any state, yes, I condemn that.

That is, in fact, trying illegally, unconstitutionally to overturn the result of an election.

Legally, do you think that it is right that there are proceedings going on after there was an attempt to overturn the result of the November election?

What proceedings are you talking about?

Well, I'm talking about Donald Trump facing federal charges.

I'm talking about what happening in Georgia with the indictments there.

I'm talking about the indictments from Washington as a result of the special government.

I believe every one of those charges are politically motivated and should not have been brought.

Every one of those charges are politically motivated.

They're going after an immediate past president of the United States, who is himself the Republican front-runner for the office of the presidency.

It shows, even if you believe that there were a monarchy...

But surely no one is above the law in the United States.

Surely no one is above the law.

But you're saying he is.

I have not seen anything particular.

You asked about the charges related to what he said on January 6th and leading up to it.

Insofar as they're based on that, yeah, I can't defend that at all.

But you also, very frank, about stopping all financial aid to Ukraine.

We're also going to be talking about Mike Pence, rest in peace, your presidential bid.

He's not dead.

He's not dead, but he's pulled out of the race to be the next president.

I just couldn't sit this one out.

But the Bible tells us that there's a time for every purpose under heaven.

When traveling across the country over the past six months, I came here to say it's become clear to me, this is not my time.

So after much prayer and deliberation, I have decided to suspend my campaign for president

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effective today.

Now I'm leaving this campaign, but let me promise you, I will never leave the fight for conservative values, and I will never stop fighting to elect principled Republican leaders to every office in the land.

So help me, God.

And we're also going to be talking about someone called Dean Phillips.

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