

Criminal justice

While it is true that no former US president has before been indicted on criminal charges, little else about the indictment of Donald Trump is as “unprecedented” as the headlines have so endlessly declared. If there’s one thing that American politics has established a precedent for, it’s pretending that its own corruption is unprecedented.

Wikipedia helpfully curates a list of 134 (by my count) federal US politicians who have been convicted of criminal wrongdoing.

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