Trumpists say

To authorize the prosecution of a president for official acts would open a Pandora's box from which this nation may never recover.

D. John Sauer, a lawyer for Trump, who told the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit that a president cannot be criminally prosecuted after leaving office for any official act he performed while in it unless s/he had been impeached and convicted while in it, even if the act was to order a Seal team to assassinate her/his political rivals

[Presumably, Sauer would argue that the Seal team members could not be tried or convicted for obeying an illegal order if the president had pardoned them while s/he was still in office]