

## The Problem with Jon Stewart — Monologue Jokes — Feb. 15, 2020

President Trump's second impeachment trial ended Saturday with an acquittal in the Senate, thus preserving his legacy of two House impeachments, fourteen associates indicted or imprisoned and 400,000 Americans dead on his watch. Woof! Close call. For a second, he was looking hideously incompetent and selfish beyond parallel.

Seven Republicans voted to convict Trump, making it the most bipartisan conviction vote in impeachment history. Yep. American history was made when fourteen percent of senators broke rank. On that note, I'm going to put a quarter in my "Times Our Supposedly Democratic Processes Feel Like Fixed Boxing Matches With Even More Backpedaling, Foul Play And Low Blows" jar. *[Jon pulls out a heavy jar filled to the brim with coins.]* I've almost got enough for a lobotomy.

Right before casting his vote, Mitch McConnell said, "There is no question that President Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of that day." Then, he voted to acquit, saying that conviction in the Senate is a "limited tool" for punishing sitting officials. That's like defending an accused cannibal by saying, "This court is a limited tool meant to punish humans. But members of the jury, my client here is no human: he's a monster!"

On Monday, Speaker Nancy Pelosi vowed to hold an independent inquiry into the Capitol Riot to investigate what caused the insurrection and how to prevent a similar one. This is going to end in one of two ways: either officials will finally reckon with the tribalism and misinformation plaguing tens of millions of Americans, or the Capitol's gonna get a gator moat.

Now that the impeachment trial is over, President Biden is focusing on his \$1.9 trillion stimulus plan and working to "heal the very soul of the nation." To start, he's going to mail each American a copy of "Chicken Soup For The Soul Afraid Of Dying From Domestic Terrorism, Racist Cops, Mass Shootings Or A Deadly Airborne Disease." *[We see an OTS graphic mock-up of the book.]* Thank you, sir! I can't wait to feel worse.

Steve Schmidt, one of the co-founders of The Lincoln Project, stepped down over the weekend after revelations that co-founder John Weaver had sexually harassed at least 21 young men at the company. When Trump heard about the allegations, he instinctively issued a statement saying The Lincoln Project was an old friend who was totally with him at Mar-A-Lago that night.

Weaver, who's married to a woman, confirmed the allegations by coming out as gay. Now, I don't presume to speak for gay men, but I imagine they're not huge fans of the, "No, wait! I'm not a serial sexual abuser, I'm just gay!" excuse. Those two things have nothing to do with one another. That'd be like somebody robbing a bank, setting a school on fire, dumping lead in a water tank and saying, "All right, you caught me — I'm bisexual."

*The EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program makes foreign investors eligible for a green card in exchange for a minimum investment of \$1.8 million in a U.S. project, the vast majority of which are luxury real estate developments. I'd amend the program to require investors to also sponsor five non-U.S. residents in obtaining green cards, as well as their first year of housing costs.*