

The Trump Resistance Continues

It would not be a stretch to say that Donald Trump may be the most hated president in American history. Many more, though, are encouraged by his America-first agenda that is making a difference for real people, working families and the nation's evangelical Christians.

But the hatred is beginning to thwart more than just morale, says best-selling author Stephen E. Strang, who is following up his best-seller, *God and Donald Trump*, with his new book, *Trump Aftershock*—out on Election Day, Nov. 6. The “resistance and obstruction” began almost as soon as the polls closed in November 2016, Strang wrote, and took shape with the attempted blocking of Trump nominees to the nation's courts.

“In the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, the streets of Manhattan, Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Portland and San Francisco often seemed more like war zones, with an orchestrated outburst of vandalism and violence, including verbal and physical assaults against the newly elected president and anyone who voted for him,” Strang wrote in *Trump Aftershock*. “As reported by *The Los Angeles Times*, many of the protesters were young people who were protesting for the first time in their lives. In some cases, the crowds were organized and manipulated by professional agitators funded by left-wing groups and international anarchist organizations. Televised images showed thousands of mostly young people marching in front of Trump Tower yelling, ‘New York hates you!’ and ‘Not my president!’ For several days there were anti-Trump demonstrations around the country as left-wing activists and young people on college campuses took up the chant to “resist and obstruct,” vowing to make it difficult if not impossible for the Trump presidency to succeed.

"This resistance would take many forms, but none has been more disruptive than the effort to block Trump's nominees to the courts," Strang continued. "When the president began the nomination process for judicial appointments, there were more than 100 vacancies to be filled, but there was little doubt the minority party would mount an intense counteroffensive to block as many of Trump's appointments as possible. By means of various political and judicial maneuvers, the Republican Senate had successfully prevented the Obama administration from packing the courts with liberal jurists. Trump's supporters celebrated the victory, but the new administration's plans to shift the courts back to the right soon came under equally strong resistance from the Democrats, using political tactics *U.S. News & World Report* described as comparable to 'guerrilla warfare.' By following arcane legislative rules, withholding approval of home-state nominees, and obstructing Trump's nominees in every way possible, Democrats were determined to grind the president's judicial agenda to a halt. The success of these tactics left the justice system with so many vacancies that legal analysts on both sides began calling it a judicial crisis."

In particular, Strang added, Democrats have taken great pains to block nominees who expressed their strongly-held conservative or Christian views—a point made in the book that was complete months ago, but this truth on the *Trump Aftershock* pages is relevant even this week.

"But Trump did not give up on his plan to install strict constitutionalists on the federal bench and continues to press the Congress for results," Strang said. "By his sixth month in office, the president had nominated 18 people for district court vacancies, 14 for the circuit courts and the Court of Federal Claims, and 23 for U.S. attorneys. This was an anomaly compared to other presidential terms. In fact, *Business Insider* reported, during the same timeframe in President Barack Obama's first term, he had made just 22 nominations,

compared to Trump's 55. The trend continued with the nomination, and subsequent appointment, of Neil Gorsuch to the SCOTUS bench. Now it appears Trump's detractors are taking any means necessary to stop Judge Brett Kavanaugh from upholding Judeo-Christian values and the Constitution from a seat in the highest court in the land."

In *Trump Aftershock*, Strang explores the "president's seismic impact on culture and faith in America" and will uncover unreported facts while objectively helping readers understand what the nation's most unlikely and unconventional president has accomplished, including a featured section on these advancements called "500 Days of American Greatness."

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