
US Justice Department releases Mueller report on Trump-Russia 'collusion' investigation

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BREAKING NEWS

The US Department of Justice has released the full report on special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into claims President Donald Trump colluded with Russia. The two-year probe 'did not establish' any collusion happened.

Attorney General William Barr announced the report's release at a press conference on Thursday morning. He repeated several times that the report establishes that neither Trump nor any other American "*conspired or coordinated*" with Russia's supposed effort to influence the 2016 election. That effort, the report claims, consisted of the Internet Research Agency's alleged social media manipulation, and the GRU's supposed hacking of DNC emails and handing them over to WikiLeaks. Both have been repeated almost from the moment of Hillary Clinton's surprise loss to Trump in 2016.

Mueller has already indicted 13 Russians he claimed were IRA "*trolls*" and 12 alleged GRU hackers, and made no recommendations for further indictments in the final report. Russia has repeatedly denied having made any effort to influence the 2016 election.

The report focuses on two main issues: Trump's alleged collusion with Russia in order to tip the scales of the 2016 US presidential election, and his alleged efforts to obstruct the investigation into it. Mueller is bringing no charges on either of those, but has not fully "*exonerated*" Trump on the obstruction allegations.

The release of the full report has been craved by anti-Trump 'Resistance' Democrats and media

alike, clinging to the Russia collusion allegations which have become known in the conservative camp as the 'Russiagate' conspiracy theory. They have slammed Barr's summary, as well as his pre-release press appearance, as efforts to spin the report's release in a way that would absolve Trump of blame.

The released version of the Mueller report is redacted in order to protect sensitive Grand Jury material, information on intelligence sources and materials, as well as private information on third parties, and data on investigations that are still ongoing.

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