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Trump’s Actions Reveal He’s Hiding Something

If you don’t have something to hide, why behave this way? The Roman concept of “stasis” — a rhetorical theory refined by Cicero, Quintilian, and Hermogenes — delineated all of the issues attorneys drew upon to determine whether someone is guilty of wrongdoing. One point of stasis was called “argument from consequence.” Roman lawyers often asked: Does the accused person’s behavior show signs or consequences of guilt?

The recent decision to release the Nunes memorandum — the revelation that President Trump actually ordered the firing of Robert Mueller — combined with his firing of James Comey, his and the Republicans’ systematic efforts to undermine Mueller’s investigation and law enforcement agencies by spreading conspiracy theories, and a host of other actions strongly suggest that the president has something to hide and very likely is guilty of wrongdoing.

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