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Epstein case: a review



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Epstein case appears and disappears as it pleases. Two forces are at odds. It is a penal case but if President Trump is finally involved without the cast of a shadow, there will be political consequences which will have a global effect. And the other way round, too. At least, domestically.

Trump's efforts to control the release of case-related files are undermining his credibility when he states he did not incur in any wrongdoing.

Trump is involving top officials and federal institutions in this effort. It compromises the credibility of the federal government if it turns out that Trump participated in any way.

In this paper published files are being reviewed in order to get rid of the noise wrapping up the case. No news has been taken into account, only official records made public so far.

2. ANALYSIS

News about the issue is overwhelming. You cannot tell between credible or fabricated, between official deposition or comment.

After Epstein ended up behind bars, a new case was sued by one of the victims against Ghislaine Maxwell. And it unveiled a trove of files which exposed hundreds of names, some of them well-known in different environments.

Of course, Epstein, as a member of the American elite, had high level acquaintances with whom he maintained different degrees of relationships.

The main issue which raises interest among the American voter is related to the identification of those friends who were aware of Epstein's abuses or those who took part in the dark and troubling network of sex abuse and extorsion.

The latest release of Epstein's emails accuses Trump of knowing what Epstein weakness dragged him to do. But it is in Epstein's words, not in Trump's words.

Let's check, not thoroughly, what has been proven in court and in what page we are at the moment.

3. FACTS

The collected information describes **several reported connections between Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein** and explains them through the later testimony of Virginia Roberts Giuffre.

Jeffrey Epstein was a wealthy financier who, years after the period described here, became widely known for criminal cases involving sexual offenses and trafficking of minors.

Virginia Louise Giuffre (born Virginia Roberts) was an American Australian woman who became one of the most prominent accusers of financier Jeffrey Epstein and his associate **Ghislaine Maxwell**.

As a teenager she worked at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, where she says Maxwell first approached her with the offer of work as a massage therapist for Epstein. **Giuffre later alleged that Epstein and Maxwell sexually abused and trafficked her between about 2000 and 2002**, moving her between several of Epstein's homes and, at times, to powerful men in the U.S. and abroad.

As an adult she became an outspoken advocate for survivors of sexual abuse and trafficking, founded a support organization for victims, and brought high-profile civil cases, including against Maxwell and Britain's Prince Andrew (not a Prince anymore), which drew **global attention to Epstein's network**. She continued speaking publicly, giving interviews, and eventually writing a memoir about her experiences, before dying by suicide in Australia in April 2025.

According to Giuffre's later statements, Epstein told her that he was "a friend of Donald Trump" and that Trump was "a good friend of Jeffrey's." **Giuffre did not claim to have independent knowledge of the closeness of the relationship; rather, her understanding that Trump and Epstein were good friends came from what Epstein himself told her.** At that time, Trump was the owner of the Mar-a-Lago¹ estate in Palm Beach, Florida, which he had turned into a private members' club where wealthy individuals and celebrities could socialize, stay, and attend events.

Epstein attended the Mar-a-Lago Club around the year 2000, which gave him access to Trump's property and its social

¹ Mar-a-Lago is both, Trump's residence and a private club run by Trump. Both installations share the estate.

environment. **Ghislaine Maxwell**, a British socialite who was Epstein's close associate and who, years later, **would be convicted in the United States for her role in facilitating his sexual abuse of minors**, also had access to the club in 2000, apparently through Epstein's connection as a member. **Maxwell is described as the person who approached and recruited Virginia Roberts** (later known as Virginia Roberts Giuffre) **at Mar-a-Lago**. At that time, Giuffre was a teenager, about 16 or 17 years old, working at the club, which placed her within Trump's orbit as an employee at his property but not as a social equal of the wealthy members and guests.

According to Giuffre's account, Maxwell first contacted her on the Mar-a-Lago premises and told her that she could earn money by giving Epstein a massage. **That approach at Trump's club is described as the starting point of Giuffre's involvement with Epstein**. In her later testimony, Giuffre said that she had worked for Donald Trump at Mar-a-Lago and had met him "probably a few times" in that context, meaning they encountered each other at the club where she was employed, and he was the owner.

She also stated that her father knew Trump and that they would speak when they saw each other at the property, suggesting a casual familiarity through their respective roles at the club rather than a close personal relationship. In sum, the picture that emerges from these statements is a social and professional setting centred on Mar-a-Lago: **Trump as the owner of the club, Epstein as a wealthy member, Maxwell as Epstein's associate who had access via him, and Giuffre as a young employee who says she was recruited by Maxwell** on the premises and who later provided testimony describing how she understood the Trump-Epstein connection.

In addition to this, **flight records of Epstein's planes** have been checked.

Records show that **Donald Trump was a passenger on one of Jeffrey Epstein's planes on 5 January 1997**. The flight (No. 934) was on a Gulfstream G-1159B with the tail number N908JE, and it went from West Palm Beach (PBI) in Florida to Newark (EWR) in New Jersey. **The passengers listed for this flight were Jeff Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, and Donald Trump**.

In the material reviewed, there are no mentions or records of Trump taking other flights on Epstein's plane, nor of Trump visiting Epstein's homes, apart from the fact that Epstein's Palm Beach mansion was located near Mar-a-Lago.

There are documents with emails sent to and from Jeffrey Epstein that talk about Donald Trump, especially in a strategic way or in the period after allegations had already surfaced. In one email dated 2 April 2011, sent from Epstein's account to Ghislaine Maxwell, **Epstein wrote a line that has been understood as referring to Donald Trump: "I want you to understand that the dog that has not barked is Trump."** The rest of that sentence, which is partly blacked out, says that a victim spent hours at Epstein's house with Trump ("VICTIM spent hours at my house with him") **and that Trump "has never once been mentioned."**

In December 2015, the writer Michael Wolff emailed Epstein about how to handle Epstein's connection to Trump in the media, given the political context at the time. Wolff suggested that Epstein "should let [Trump] hang himself," meaning let Trump's own words cause him problems. He added that if Trump denied having been on Epstein's plane or in his house, that denial would give Epstein "valuable PR and political currency." Wolff also floated the idea that, if Trump looked likely to win the election, Epstein could "save him, thereby generating a debt." Wolff speculated that if Trump were asked about Epstein, he would say that "Jeffrey is a great guy" who has been treated unfairly and is a victim of political correctness.

In a later email fragment from January 2019, **Epstein's account wrote to Michael Wolff and mentioned Ghislaine Maxwell and Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in a way that suggests knowledge about "the girls": "...Mar-a-Lago. Trump said he asked me to resign, never [was] a member. Of course, he knew about the girls since he asked Ghislaine to stop..."**

Virginia Roberts Giuffre testified about things Jeffrey Epstein said to her regarding Donald Trump. She explained that the only reason she believed Trump was "a good friend of Jeffrey's" was because Epstein himself told her that. Giuffre worked at Mar-a-Lago and met Trump there a few times, but she testified that the claim that Trump "flirted with me" was false.

She also said she never saw Epstein and Trump together². In addition, she denied a quote that had been attributed to her in an article, in which Trump supposedly said to Epstein, "you've got the life," and said that this was not something she had actually said.

² Public records confirm them both together, partying.

4. SO WHAT?

Based on the previous exhibits it is sure that **Epstein and Trump had a certain degree of friendship** which lasted for an extended period. Both shared an interest in women as well as social position, relationships, and same interests (business, investments, and money).

Whether Trump was aware of the minor trafficking ring Epstein organised **has only been stated by Epstein himself**. So far, even Virginia Giuffre has mentioned that Trump had always been correct and professional.

This is where the White House is hoovering persistently. **No wrongdoing by Trump has been exposed**. Even if Trump is or was a womaniser is not harming. History records regarding White House guests show that this is not new at all. JFK or Bill Clinton, to name the most notorious, broke the image of virtue and perfection that the White House occupier was expected to reflect.

But it is also true that **Republicans are changing tides**. The bill which will allow the whole trove of Epstein's files to be released is finally going to be voted. This is only feasible because **some Republicans have changed their minds**.

Right now, there is a bill in Congress called the **Epstein Files Transparency Act**. It would force the Justice Department to publish all the *unclassified* files it has about Jeffrey Epstein, while hiding the names and private details of victims.

The Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, has said the **House will vote on the bill sometime next week** (the week of 18–22 November 2025), but they **haven't announced the exact day yet**.

Why is a vote happening now if it seemed impossible before?

- A group of Democrats and a few Republicans used a special procedure where, if **218 members sign a petition**, House leaders can no longer block a vote. That petition reached **218 signatures** after a new Democrat, Adelita Grijalva, was finally sworn in this week and added her name. Once that happened, the Speaker lost the power to bury the bill.
- A small number of Republicans decided to break with Trump and their own leadership and join Democrats in demanding the files be released, which was politically very unlikely a few weeks ago.

- At the same time, Congress has been releasing **thousands of pages of Epstein-related emails and documents**, and survivors of Epstein's abuse are publicly pressing Congress to release everything, which has increased public and political pressure.

So, in short, the vote is happening **next week**, and it's happening now because enough members of Congress signed a petition that forces a vote, a few Republicans crossed the line to support it, and new document releases increased pressure and made it much harder for leaders to keep blocking the issue.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The political turmoil is served. Any mention of Trump in Epstein's files new releases, if it happens, will be scrutinized and squeezed by both sides, **extracting opposite conclusions**.

It is highly likely that no definitive proof of wrongdoing by Trump will be among the documents, but doubts will grow because the slightest mention of Trump will be twisted, if needed, to cast doubts and infer mistrust among Trump supporters.

Furthermore, Trump is experiencing his lowest popularity levels. But Trump is a resourceful individual, innovative if his future is in jeopardy and ready to trespass any known red line.

Now, the deployment of the **Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group (ARG)** and the **USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group (CSG)** at the Caribbean are being used as a distraction at home and as a threat against Maduro. But regular American is focused on the economy. And Trump is not delivering in this environment as expected by his supporters.

Although his success over Democrats regarding the end of the government shutdown is there, many Americans have been affected indirectly by his perceived stubbornness. A **shutdown does not come without consequences**, and citizens will need time before day-to-day life sends it into oblivion.

In any case, the Epstein issue will remain alive and kicking for a long time as there are several steps to be taken. First comes the vote. If the bill passes, **there will likely be political interference, legal appeals, stalling by the**

Justice Department, counterproposals in the Senate, or any other tactic Trump considers necessary and feasible.

These internal quarrels in the U.S. distract the political action, stress the political life in Washington, focus the White House on domestic issues and give room to other rising powers to behave freely while pursuing their goals.

More broadly speaking, **the U.S. is a diminishing power under Trump**. Retracting troops and American presence abroad **reduces American influence in the long run**. Apparently, Trump plays hard in the international arena but his reluctance to play a role in international organizations, diminishing the U.S. funding, leaving the initiative to others, **makes the U.S. less relevant**.

In fact, it makes the West less relevant, and it harms the West, as a whole. This is about physics. In physics, when a mass is broken, the binding energy is dispersed (lost). The same principle applies to political blocks. This is what happened to the USSR, and it is the opposite of what BRICS, or the Shanghai Cooperation Organization are promoting.

The war on drugs in the Caribbean is a minor issue for the world's leading power. The current deployment is far greater than what is needed and inefficient for its stated purpose³, but it keeps the U.S. occupied and off balance.

Epstein case plays its role in this distracting game America is involved in. Newly released emails show that in June 2018, a few weeks before Donald Trump's Helsinki summit with Vladimir Putin, Jeffrey Epstein wrote to Thorbjørn Jagland (then secretary-general of the Council of Europe and former Norwegian prime minister). In that message, Epstein suggested that Jagland should "**suggest to Putin that [Sergei] Lavrov can get insight by talking to me**" – i.e. he was offering himself as someone who could explain how to handle Trump.

There is no evidence that such an approach ever happened, but it is to be pointed out that the Epstein case will be a matter of instability in the coming months.

³ F-35s bombing drug cartels' boats? Strategic bombers flying off the coast of Venezuela? Trump has always been eager to say he halts wars. Why does it look like he intends to open a front at the Caribbean?