

1 **Mika:** The tweet came out at the end of our show yesterday. Moments after the government  
2 detailed the most devastating collapse on record, President Trump suggesting a possible delay of the  
3 November election.

4 Top Republicans are flat out rejecting the idea.

5 **Mitch McConnell:** Never in the history of the country, through wars, depressions, and the Civil War  
6 have we ever not had a federally scheduled election on time, and we'll find a way to do that again  
7 this November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

8 **Republican:** Never in the history of the federal elections have we ever not held an election and we  
9 should go forward with our election.

10 **Another Republican:** We are not going to delay the election, Stuart, we are going to have the  
11 election completed and voting completed by election day.

12 **Lindsay Graham:** I don't think the federal government can – well I don't know. I think it's  
13 constitutionally set. Delaying the election is not the right answer.

14 **Sen. Tillis:** The election is going to happen in November, period.

15 **Mika:** Speaking to reporters yesterday, the President appeared to walk back the idea of moving the  
16 election but at the same time – in his usual style – continued his attack on mail-in voting. He tried to  
17 sew doubt...

18 **Joe:** Boy, he really knows he's going to lose this Fall. I mean he's sending the message to Republican  
19 senators that I am going to lose. I mean after this happened yesterday, and we'll get to this in a  
20 minute, but after this happened yesterday, Republican senators were aghast that this was in effect  
21 Donald Trump throwing in the towel, making excuses already for his loss for an election that is –  
22 what? – I think 97 / 98 days away? And he's already throwing in the towel? So, he is already talking  
23 about doubting the validity of November's elections because he knows he's going to lose. Watch  
24 this.

25 **Trump:** You know, so many years I have been watching elections and they say the projected winner  
26 or the winner of the election. I don't want to see that take place in a week after November 3<sup>rd</sup> or a  
27 month or frankly with litigation and everything else that can happen, years or you never even know  
28 who won the election. I want to have the result of the election. I don't want to be waiting around for  
29 weeks and months, and literally, potentially if you really did it right, years because you'll never know.  
30 These ballots are missing. I don't want a delay. I want to have the election. But I also don't want to  
31 have to wait for three months and then find out that the ballots are all missing and the election  
32 doesn't mean anything. That's what is going to happen, Steve. That's common sense. We want to

33 have an election where people actually go, and what's your name, my name is so-and-so and boom  
34 you sign the book like I have been doing for years. Do I want to see a date change? No, but I don't  
35 want to see a crooked election.

36 **Joe:** How sad. How sad and by the way, Republican senators don't agree with him and a lot of media  
37 outlets that have defended him time and time again are actually calling him out for that sad and  
38 pathetic display. His staff members who are just beyond themselves today inside the WH because  
39 Donald Trump had already asked them, "hey, can we delay the election?" And they're like, "No. No,  
40 Mr. President, it is constitutionally set. No, you can't." Well, the editors of the National Review put  
41 out a piece, the editors, that was entitled **Delaying the Elections would be Grotesque and**  
42 **Unamerican**, and they in part write this; President Trump outdid himself ... with a tweet floating the  
43 idea of delaying the election. Obviously, this is an incendiary and absurd idea unworthy of being  
44 spoken – or even thought – by a president of the United States. This is the National Review  
45 ([www.nationalreview.com](http://www.nationalreview.com)). It is a tribute to our commitment to self-government that elections have  
46 occurred as scheduled on this day during the worst crises of American history – when federal troops  
47 were in the field against rebel troops who sought to destroy the nation, when unemployment was 25  
48 percent, when U.S. forces were engaged in an epic struggle to save the West from the depredations  
49 of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

50 The National Review goes on;

51 Trump doesn't understand this, or doesn't care. It is another indication of how little he's let the  
52 institution of the presidency shape him, and how selfishly he approaches his duties.

53 Again, the National Review.

54 And this line from the Wall Street Journal editorial board;

55 This is not to suggest that the November election will be "rigged," as Mr. Trump asserts. If he  
56 believes that, he should reconsider his participation and let someone run who isn't looking for an  
57 excuse to blame for defeat.

58 Will he?

59 These are from two publications who have defended him time and time again over the past several  
60 years even though at times both have been critical as well and yet both come out with screaming 99-  
61 mile-an-hour fastballs right down the middle of the plate telling Donald Trump, what you are doing is  
62 unamerican, and if you are going to keep claiming that the election is rigged, then quit right now and  
63 let a Republican run that's not already looking for an excuse to lose.

64 **Willie:** Yes, it was a rare day yesterday, Joe, where among Republicans and conservative media the  
65 President found very, very few defenders on this idea. He has painted himself into a corner where he  
66 says Fox News is no longer with him. I'm sure, he'll attack the Wall Street Journal today.

67 Senate Republicans, Mitch McConnell, across the board said; of course, we're not changing the date  
68 of the election, it will be on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> as planned so what's left? I guess OAN or one of those networks  
69 our outlets will still be defending him on this, but, Michael Steele, when you look at the truth about  
70 ... yes, perhaps Sinclair, too, Michael Steele, but when you look at the reality of what he's talking  
71 about, delaying the election is one question, but mail-in ballot fraud, and we'll just say it again, is  
72 incredibly, incredibly rare, it (mail-in voting) has been going on for generations. It is the only way they  
73 vote in five states in this country. There is going to be a lot of mail-in voting this time and it's  
74 important for people who are watching this morning to know that what the President is saying about  
75 fraud simply isn't true. There are a hand full of cases every election cycle but it is not widespread or  
76 rampant as he claims.

77 **Michael Steele:** I cannot emphasize enough what you just said and between now and over the next  
78 97, 96, 95 days of this election, we have to continue to insist to the American people that they  
79 understand that fact that mail-in balloting, mail-in voting is legitimate, it is done in at least 5 states.  
80 Every state has some form of it. You know it as absentee balloting. And I love it yesterday. The  
81 President was like, "I love absentee balloting. I just this mail-in vote thing I'm not sure." Mr.  
82 President, they are the same thing. Ok? Just so you understand. An absentee ballot is the same as a  
83 mail-in ballot. They are the same thing. This is why we have got to keep pushing our narrative, which  
84 is a constitutional narrative, it is the ones that set by the government, it has been set by the  
85 American people, we know what the process is. All we are looking for now is – and this is where  
86 Mitch McConnell and the leaders on the Hill can step up their game – is to put the additional 3.6  
87 billion dollars that the states requested so that they could execute the ballot box the correct way so  
88 voters have that access, those votes can get counted, and we already know, Willy, we already know  
89 you are not going to have a declared winner on necessarily on election night. But we don't need to  
90 play into the President's scenario, his set-up, this is his set-up that we are going to be not knowing  
91 who this is in three months or even years. That's bologna. But, you can control the process to the  
92 extent that you put in place the infrastructure to help these states get those votes counted. But, just  
93 so we're clear, America; absentee-ballot – vote by mail - same thing.