

I've Had It

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JENNIFER WELCH: All right, Pete Hegseth wants to run for president, because why not? I mean, in America, we have shown that you can be wholly unqualified, sociopathic, mentally ill, deranged, and all of these things and still get 77 million votes. You can even be a convicted felon, an adjudicated rapist, and in the middle of a child sex ring, and you can still get 77 million votes. So why not, Pete Hegzeth? Pop this up: "Defense Secretary Pete Hegzeth has told close friends and associates that he is considering a run for president in 2028, according to two people familiar with the conversations," Angie.

ANGIE SULLIVAN: I look at this, and I think delusions of grandeur. He clearly lives in the same information bubble that Trump lives in, despite the fact that we know people inside the military, high-ranking generals are saying you are fucking this beyond all recognition. He has surrounded himself with so many sycophants and influencers and religious zealots that he actually believes that the American people believe he is competent to run for president when over 70 percent of the people think he is incompetent in his current role, and that number continues to go up, so I'm with you. Let's see it. I hope he gets the nomination because he is the easiest target that I personally have seen other than, like Trump, of course.

WELCH: Here's — here's my problem. Trump won in 2016 and in 2024. Tens of millions of people. So for us, for you and me and for all of our beautiful listeners, it's like, let's run him. This guy is a moron. He's an idiot. There's no way he'll win, but I said the same thing about Trump in 2016, and I said the same thing about Donald Trump in 2024.

SULLIVAN: Fair.

WELCH: So, we have an electorate problem.

SULLIVAN: Right.

WELCH: And, as we move past this, let's say these things happen. Let's say that we have a blue tsunami and then let's say we get a Democrat in — in 2028. We have a cultural problem. And within that cultural problem is a lot of Americans wake up every day and tune into Fox News and say lie to me. A lot of people wake up every day and tune into, you know, Alex Jones or Tucker Carlson or other people, and there is an appetite for propaganda, I guess, and feeling like there is a problem within disagreements with other Americans. The difference between the Republicans and the Democrats right now is, like, they want to stamp out liberalism and progressivism entirely. And I was thinking about it over the weekend — in order for us to really recover as a country, the Democrats are going to have to stamp out MAGA completely, completely stamp it out.

SULLIVAN: There's no other way around it.

WELCH: I mean, and when you have Fox News, and you have all of the oligarchs owning all of the media — social media where — a lot of people Americans get their news now from social media as the landscape has changed. I'm just so worried about what kind of leadership it's going to take in a post-Trump era, and some of the Democrats I see right now that are in charge just don't have that in them. They don't have the appetite to just go guns blazing and really stamp out a lot of this insanity.

SULLIVAN: I completely agree with you. There are a few that maybe have the stomach for it, but so many of the establishment Dems are still we want to have bipartisan agreement and all that. But I agree with you. The biggest problem we have in the United States is lack of critical thinking, not dealing with racism, misogyny, all of these DEI things that people are so angry about, not understanding where we got these concepts and what a true meritocracy is. I mean, we've got people that think that, you know, Sharia law is coming to the United States, I mean, I feel like we have to go back to the basic level of education. Like, okay, let's look at the Constitution. Banning books is not something supported by the Constitution, and the problem is you have that from an education standpoint, but then look at the Supreme Court. There is a cancer growing, and the cancer is authoritarianism. And some people like it. They want it.

WELCH: Yeah, they absolutely want it. They — there has been something cultivated that the Republicans would rather own the libs and stand about freedom because they want — like, they want it theocracy. I mean, they're more in line with — with wanting a religious United States than any American Muslim politician I've ever seen. I mean, the American Muslim politicians, when you get to like Abdul el-Sayed, The Squad, Zoran Mamdani, they're outflanking the Christian Nationals politicians as far as personal liberties, like you wouldn't believe.

SULLIVAN: Right.

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WELCH: And then let's dive into, reporting about Melania's pimp from Julie K. Brown, and you may remember, you guys, I talk a lot about Amanda Ungaro, who was Melania's former best friend, who — started tweeting that Melania was a hooker. And this is — this is — Amanda's words, not mine. And her ex-husband, Amanda's ex has been, Paolo Zampoli, is a cover story to say, oh, no, I introduce Melania and Donald when Amanda actually says that the introduction was through Jeffrey Epstein. So, pop this up: "Ex-Brazilian model with ties to Melania links Trump envoy to corruption scheme." "Paolo Zampoli, a special envoy for President Donald Trump was part of a United Nations passport-selling scheme that led to the death of a former U.N. general assembly president, according to Amanda Ungaro, an ex-Brazilian model and former U.N. diplomat who had a 20-year relationship with Zampoli."

SULLIVAN: I just find this to be — to me, it rings true because it is like, when you, when you're in a relationship with somebody for 20 years, you know things that are going on personally and

professionally. She was at the first inauguration. I mean, it is documented that these people are buddies, the — the — the Trump's and the — she and her ex had —

WELCH: Zampoli's.

SULLIVAN: — Zampoli's. And for her to come out with, I mean, the passport scheme linked to the death of a U.N. General Assembly — to me, that just seems the links are not there unless the links are made by somebody in the net. That's what I think.

WELCH: Yeah. I — I think that there's just so much corruption everywhere.

SULLIVAN: So much.

WELCH: And the Trump's are — are truly the — the worst impulses of the Republican party, every single one of their worst impulses blown up into this horrific caricature that is actually real and not a caricature, and they are governing us.