



## **Season 2 – Trailer**

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### **Chris Cuomo:**

Did you ask the Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden?

### **Rudy Giuliani:**

No. Actually, I didn't. I asked the Ukraine to investigate the allegations that there was interference in the election in 2016 by the Ukrainians for the benefit of Hillary Clinton, for which there already is of course ...

### **Chris Cuomo:**

You never asked anything about Hunter Biden, you never asked anything about Joe Biden and his role with the prosecutor?

### **Rudy Giuliani:**

The only thing I asked about Joe Biden is to get to the bottom of how it was that Lutsenko, who was appointed, dismissed the case against AntAC—

### **Chris Cuomo:**

So you did ask Ukraine to look into Joe Biden.

### **Rudy Giuliani:**

Of course I did!

### **Nancy Pelosi:**

The actions of the Trump presidency revealed the dishonorable fact of the president's betrayal of his oath of office, betrayal of our national security, and betrayal of the integrity of our



elections. Therefore, today, I'm announcing the House of Representatives is moving forward with an official impeachment inquiry.

**Max Bergmann:**

On July 25, 2019, President Donald Trump tried to do it again. The 2020 election was around the corner. He was polling badly. He was engulfed in the Russia scandal and was facing the long arm of the law should he have to leave office. This coming election and the fight over Mueller was therefore existential to Donald Trump. And so he asked a foreign leader for a favor. It wasn't just any country. It was Ukraine, a nation at war with Russia and its proxies, struggling to chart a free and democratic future independent of Vladimir Putin's Kremlin. And so Trump made Ukraine an offer he thought they couldn't refuse: Help me get reelected by investigating my political opponents, and you'll get American backing—a White House meeting, and \$400 million in military aid. Trump wasn't acting on behalf of America's interest. He was acting on behalf of his—and maybe Russia's. This was extortion, a shakedown straight out of a mob movie.

**Adam Schiff:**

A classic mafia-like shakedown of a foreign leader.

**Max Bergmann:**

But when a whistleblower on the inside of government sounded the alarm, the White House sprang into action to cover it up. They had survived scandal after scandal by now. Nothing seemed to stick to them. And by this point, they had a playbook. They hid information, moving records of the call to a secret server. They stonewalled. They blocked the whistleblower's report, stopped people from testifying, and they even admitted to the crime. This all had seemed to work before. Trump, during the Russia scandal, kept saying "no collusion," despite the fact that he had openly called for collusion.

**Donald Trump:**

Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing.

**Donald Trump:**

If somebody called from a country, Norway, "we have information on your opponent." Oh. I think I'd want to hear it.

**George Stephanopoulos:**

You'd want that kind of interference in our election?



**Donald Trump:**

It's not an interference. They have information. I think I'd take it.

**Max Bergmann:**

But this time was different. The scandal didn't blow over, and the coverup didn't work. Democrats, instead of letting this drag out in the courts or turning the other cheek, they called out the extortion and moved to impeach the president of the United States.

**Lawrence O'Donnell:**

Seven freshmen House Democrats cowrote an op-ed piece in The Washington Post about why they support an impeachment inquiry from a national security perspective. The piece was titled, "These allegations are a threat to all we have sworn to protect."

**Jason Crow:**

There's a couple of common themes to all of this. Number one, it all seems to be related to helping Donald Trump win reelection. Everything that he does seems to be geared towards how can he help his election and better his prospects in 2020.

**John Lewis:**

The future of our democracy is at stake. There comes a time when you have to be moved by the spirit of history to take action to protect and preserve the integrity of our nation. I believe, I truly believe, the time to begin impeachment proceedings against this president has come.

**Max Bergmann:**

As Democrats subpoenaed witnesses, they found people willing to talk. The dam started breaking. And the press attacked the story with ferocity, turning the news cycle once again into a whirlwind of breaking news and late-night scoops, just like the first six months of 2017. What has now been revealed is a plot—a plot to use American foreign policy to take advantage of a vulnerable ally, both for political gain in the 2020 election and to profit personally. Over the next four episodes, we will dive deep, sort through the firehose of news, and connect the dots and make sense of the sprawling scandal. But as we do that, we will also take a step back. With so much news coming to light so quickly, it's easy to get overwhelmed, to lose sight of what is a rather simple tale. This is a story about the walls closing in on a corrupt man who was willing to do whatever it took to get away with it. It is about the corrupt people around him, looking to take advantage of a White House there to be bought. And this is about a country and its people,



struggling to chart a path toward democracy and freedom while being attacked by Vladimir Putin's Russia and now squeezed by Donald Trump's America. It is a story of corruption, of greed, of extortion, of geopolitics—of collusion and a coverup. And ultimately, it's about an asset of a foreign power getting caught red-handed. I'm Max Bergmann, and join us for a new season of The Asset.

**Donald Trump:**

They should investigate the Bidens, because how does a company that's newly formed and all these companies, and you look at it—and by the way, likewise, China should start an investigation into the Bidens.