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WORD LIST-2 (JUN 10, 2023)

1. indictment (noun) – a formal written accusation by a grand jury that a person has committed a serious crime; charge, arraignment, allegation, incrimination.
2. polity (noun) – a politically organized society.
3. polarisation (noun) – separation of two contrasting groups (based on different opinions/beliefs).
4. federal (adjective) – (in the US) relating to the system of government (both a national government and governments of the 50 states) as defined in the Constitution which is based on the separation of powers among three branches: the executive, the legislative and the judicial branch. (There are two types of juries serving different functions in the federal trial courts: trial juries, also known as petit juries, and grand juries).
5. jury (noun) – judges, tribunal, board, judge, the Judge, committee, panel, prosecutor and court.
6. grand jury (noun) – a group of people selected to sit on a jury that decide whether the prosecutor's evidence provides probable cause to issue an indictment.
7. the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) (noun) – The United States Department of Justice, also known as the Justice Department, is a federal executive department of the United States government tasked with the enforcement of federal law and administration of justice in the United States.
8. alleged (adjective) – supposed, claimed, professed, purported, reported, ostensible.
9. mishandle (noun) – misuse, misapply, misemploy.
10. classified (adjective) – (officially) private, personal, intimate, secret.
11. unprecedented (adjective) – not done or experienced before.
12. charge (noun) – accusation, allegation, indictment.
13. quagmire (noun) – predicament, trouble, difficulty, difficult/unfortunate situation, muddle, mix-up.

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14. Republican (noun) – (in the US) a member or supporter of the Republican Party (also referred to as the GOP); conservative, right winger.
15. violation (noun) – breach, contravention, infringement, breaking, non-observance.
16. espionage (noun) – the act of spying; obtaining secret or confidential (political or military) information of a country and/or disclosing it without the permission of that country; undercover work, infiltration, counter-intelligence.
17. Espionage Act (noun) – The Espionage Act of 1917 is a United States federal law enacted on June 15, 1917, shortly after the United States entered World War I. It has been amended numerous times over the years. The statute criminalizes a broad array of conduct related to the mishandling of sensitive government records connected to the "national defense," a term generally referring to military records that if disclosed could damage U.S. national security.
18. conspiracy (noun) – collusion, intrigue, complicity, collaboration, machination, secret understanding.
19. prosecutor (noun) – a lawyer who presents the government's case against someone accused of a crime; counsel.
20. deliberately (adverb) – intentionally, purposely, knowingly/wittingly.
21. withhold (verb) – refuse to give something to refrain from giving; keep back, keep hold of, hold on to, retain.
22. search warrant (noun) – a court order that a magistrate or judge issues to authorize law enforcement officers to conduct a search of a person, location, or vehicle for evidence of a crime and to confiscate any evidence they find.
23. assail (verb) – criticize, censure, attack, condemn, castigate, chastise, berate, lambast, lash, find fault with.
24. campaign (noun) – canvassing, electioneering, an act of soliciting (asking for/requesting) votes; an organized effort that seeks to influence the decision-making process within a specific group.

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25. embarrassing (adjective) – shameful, humiliating, demeaning, upsetting, disconcerting, problematic, troublesome.
26. attorney (noun) – lawyer, legal practitioner, legal adviser, counsel, advocate.
27. district attorney (noun) – A district attorney is a public official who is appointed or elected to represent the state in criminal judicial proceedings in a particular judicial district or county (in the U.S); an appointed or elected officer who prosecutes cases in a particular judicial district.
28. hush money (noun) – payment, payout, reward (given to someone to keep the information secret).
29. ally (noun) – partner, supporter, confederate.
30. topple (verb) – overthrow, remove, oust, unseat.
31. pursue (verb) – engage in, take part in, be occupied in, participate in (an activity).
32. heat up (phrasal verb) – to become more intense; to become more active.
33. Democrat (noun) – (in the US) a member or supporter of the Democratic Party (also referred to as the DEM); liberal.
34. counsel (noun) – lawyer, legal practitioner, legal adviser, legal executive, advocate, barrister, attorney, solicitor.
35. Attorney General (noun) – chief legal advisor; the highest rank for a law officer of the government.
36. pick (noun) – choice, selection, preference.
37. seek (verb) – ask for, appeal for, apply for, request.
38. primary (noun) – (in the US) an election in which members of the same political party run against each other for the chance to be in a larger and more important election, especially presidential election.
39. potential (adjective) – possible, likely, probable.
40. incumbent (noun) – the present holder or occupant of an office.
41. seize (verb) – take, capture (suddenly); take (an opportunity) eagerly.
42. angle (noun) – perspective, point of view, viewpoint, standpoint.

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43. witch hunt (noun) – it means to find and punish people believed to be evil- even if they were not. It does also mean an unfair campaign by one side against its political opponents.
44. surrender (verb) – give up, renounce, relinquish, cede, forgo, hand over.
45. radical left (adjective) – relating to extreme left/far-left political party or group.
46. determined (adjective) – resolute, resolved, decided, single-minded, firm, steadfast.
47. amid (preposition) – in the middle of, surrounded by; during.
48. chaos (noun) – disorder, disarray, turmoil, disorganization, disruption.
49. cannot afford/can ill afford (phrase) – if you cannot afford to do something, you must prevent it from happening because it would be embarrassing and cause problems (if it happens).
50. partisan (adjective) – biased, prejudiced, one-sided.
51. transparent (adjective) – clear, flagrant, glaring, apparent, obvious, straightforward, unequivocal, unambiguous.
52. watertight (adjective) – unassailable, indisputable, unquestionable, conclusive.
53. merits (noun) – an essential inherent quality (rights and wrongs only) while evaluating a case (not by external aspects).

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