

BILL BARR APPARENTLY THREATENS TO WITHDRAW FBI PROTECTION FROM DONALD TRUMP

The Attorney General gave another intemperate speech last night. In it, he said that those who disrespect law enforcement deserve to have the protection offered by law enforcement withdrawn.

But I think today, American people have to focus on something else, which is the sacrifice and the service that is given by our law enforcement officers. And they have to start showing, more than they do, the respect and support that law enforcement deserves – and if communities don't give that support and respect, they might find themselves without the police protection they need.

HuffPo asked who he meant to include in this comment, but DOJ refused to answer.

So I guess we should just assume Barr means to target his comments at the most visible critic of policing powers in the country, Donald Trump, who routinely attacks law enforcement on his high follower Twitter account. That would suggest that the Attorney General just threatened to withdraw the protection of the FBI from the President, his family, and all his flunkies last night.

Bill Barr and I totally disagree on policing, so it's no surprise we disagree here. I think the FBI should continue to protect Trump and his associates, even while they investigate some of them for their criminal behavior. I think it's a rash threat, on Barr's part, to withdraw that support simply because Trump doesn't like being investigated like any other suspected criminals.

Ah well. At least Barr has moved on from excusing Trump's criminal behavior by rewriting the sworn record about what, precisely, frustrated Trump about being criminally investigated.