



## Did Trump break documents law?



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1. What do these cartoons say about reports that ex-President Donald Trump may have violated the law by destroying and taking White House documents?
2. What is the law that makes it illegal to destroy presidential documents? Why was it enacted?
3. Why did the National Archives take back 15 boxes of documents that had been taken to Trump's Mar-a-Lago quarters in Florida?
4. Why might Trump want to rip up White House documents?
5. Why did Trump keep saying "lock her up" about his 2016 opponent Hillary Clinton?

### Between the lines

"If there's some intent to destroy documents to preclude a government agency from carrying out its lawful function, there could be a conspiracy to defraud the United States." - David H. Laufman, former Justice Department lawyer.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/11/us/trump-documents-criminal-law.html>

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