

Today Attorney General William Barr will release Robert Mueller's long anticipated Russia report.

Yes, it will contain redactions, as required by law. Yes, there will be some elements that are less than flattering to Donald J. Trump and company. And, yes, will also be anticlimactic.

The most important contents of the report are already known.

After nearly two years of intensive investigation, Mueller's team of top shelf prosecutors, intelligence analysts and forensic investigators found no evidence of collusion between Donald Trump or his campaign and the Russian government.

That should have been cause for rejoicing by every American. The Russians had tried to interfere, but failed. There was no collusion, the possibility of which drove the Mueller investigation in the first place.

However, that ran right into the face of the long trumpeted narrative of Congressional Democrats and their willing allies in the media. Folks like Adam Schiff, Jerrold Nadler and Richard Blumenthal, himself hardly a paragon of veracity, had "mountains of evidence" that Trump and team had colluded with the Russians to subvert the will of the American people.

They believed and constantly opined that Bob Mueller, whom they propped up as the personification of truth, justice and the prosecutorial way, would unearth that mountain of evidence. They knew he'd send Trump's confidantes to jail and hang impeachment over the president's head.

When that didn't happen, they immediately launched in a different direction. Now Mueller and his team were suspect, Bill Barr was not to be trusted and they would subpoena every witness they could conjure up to testify before them. They'd get to the bottom of all this, because Mueller had failed.

They demanded the full report be released to the American people. It was a meaningless demand, though, since Congress had already gone on record unanimously recommending release of the report. President Trump had also already agreed. There was little, if any, opposition to the release.

Now we'll all have it. But it won't be enough for those who falsely insisted that they possessed mountains of evidence of collusion with the Russians.

Their next line of demands is entirely predictable. First they'll ask to have the redactions removed. They'll ask for all of the underlying documentation. They know this includes classified information and grand jury testimony, both of which are kept secret by law, but they'll insist anyway, hoping to cause more confusion.

They'll ask for the FBI's notes and FD-302s. After that they'll demand that those interviewed by Mueller's team testify before congressional committees. They'll tell us that they will get to the bottom of their alleged mountain of evidence in short order, something Mueller couldn't do after almost two years of digging.

How many Americans are waiting breathlessly for the opportunity to wade through the 400 pages of Mueller's findings is an open question. But we'll be given the media's digest on an hourly basis.

There are bound to be some damaging things about Donald J. Trump and some of his advisors in Mueller's report. Schiff, Nadler, Blumenthal and the media will attempt to magnify every speck of dirt exponentially as a way of saving face for their failed conspiracy theories.

However, most folks are ready to move on. They know what Mueller found. A rehash of every detail isn't what they'll be talking about over breakfast tomorrow.

They want congress to start focusing on the issues that make a difference to them in their daily lives. Poll after poll reflects that there is conspiracy theory fatigue and a desire to get on with the people's business.

Additionally, protracted focus by Congress on the Mueller saga is bound to reveal embarrassing details about Trump's political enemies and the political origins and overreaches of the Mueller probe.

Our former governor and a past Democratic National Committee Chair, Ed Rendell, gave some election night advice to his party as it became clear they'd take the majority in the House. He told them to focus on legislating rather than investigating. Sadly for the nation they won't heed his advice.

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However, that ran right into the face of the long held story of many Congressional Democrats and their willing allies in the media. They had "mountains of evidence" that Trump and company had colluded with the Russians to subvert the will of the American people. Or so they told us time and again.

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Of course, there are bound to be some less than flattering things about Donald J. Trump and some of his advisors in Mueller's report. Schiff, Nadler, Blumenthal and the media will attempt to magnify every speck of dirt exponentially as a way of saving face for their failed conspiracy theories. Schiff and Nadler will join Blumenthal in the congressional minority in less time than it took Mueller. Their insistence on propagating their conspiracy theory myths puts them, once again, out of step with the American people.

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By failing to do so they move even further away from the vast majority of Americans.