# Ric Grenell And Democracy And January 6

**Highlights:**

* Ric Grenell downplayed the severity of the January 6 insurrection.
* Ric Grenell made baseless claims of illegal voting.
  + Grenell made baseless claims of illegal votes in Nevada.

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**Grenell Mockingly Said January 6th Was Terrible Because Of Trump’s Twitter Suspension.** According to Newsweek, “Richard Grenell, the former Acting Director of National Intelligence, said on Thursday that January 6 was ‘terrible’ because former president Donald Trump was permanently banned from Twitter. ‘January 6 was a terrible day because it's the day big tech and the media kicked [former] president Trump off Twitter and silenced his voice. That was a day that was an attack on our democracy,’ Grenell said during a TV appearance on Newsmax on the anniversary of the Capitol attack. The former president was actually banned from Twitter on January 8, two days after the riot, according to a statement from the social media giant.” [Newsweek, [1/6/22](https://www.newsweek.com/jan-6-was-terrible-day-because-trumps-twitter-account-was-suspended-ex-trump-aide-1666453)]

## Grenell Made Baseless Claims Of Illegal Voting

### Grenell Made Baseless Claim Of Illegal Votes in Nevada

**Grenell Made Baseless Claim Of Illegal Votes in Nevada.** According to KSNV, "The re-election campaign for President Donald Trump says it will file a lawsuit in federal court alleging Clark County is counting ‘illegal votes’ in the general election, though officials did not provide any evidence to support their claims. Nevada campaign co-chair Adam Laxalt, former Director of National Intelligence Ric Grenell, and American Conservative Union chairman Matt Schlapp spoke at a press conference outside the Clark County Elections Department facility in North Las Vegas. The campaign officials alleged that they couldn't observe the counting process and that thousands of "illegal votes" were cast and being counted, including from people who were deceased or had moved out of state. Laxalt said they would ask for an injunction to ‘stop the counting of illegal votes.’” [KDNV, [11/5/20](https://news3lv.com/news/local/trump-campaign-las-vegas-press-conference-nevada-election)]

* **Grenell Ran Away From A Reporter Who Asked For Evidence For The Claim.** According to the Daily Beast, “Former Acting Director of National Intelligence Ric Grenell on Thursday ran away from a reporter when pressed to provide any evidence for the Trump campaign’s claims that thousands of illegitimate ballots have been cast in Nevada.” [Daily Beast, [11/5/20](https://www.thedailybeast.com/ric-grenell-runs-away-as-msnbc-reporter-jacob-soboroff-demands-proof-of-voter-fraud-claims)]