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Donald Trump spent last week taking a victory lap despite the absence of any real victory.

Poll after poll shows that the American people are not so eager to shrug off the corrupt and unethical behavior they saw and heard with their own eyes and ears. The jury is still out, and nobody outside of Trump's base was convinced of anything by Bill Barr's four-page attempt at a cover-up.

So where do we go from here?

Well, we spend this week talking about healthcare, taxes and fight like hell to make sure House Democrats see every last word of the Mueller report.

Healthcare is the issue Americans care about most. It is the issue that led Americans to decide they wanted Democrats in charge of the House of Representatives. And it is the issue that will most likely bring us victory in 2020.

And fortunately for Democrats everywhere, it is an issue that Trump wants to once again wade into despite his complete lack of understanding of the matter. Republicans do not have a plan. They have a lot of false promises, contempt for Barack Obama and a lack of sympathy for this nation's working poor. Those three things do not add up to a promising new healthcare proposal.

But don't worry -- White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney said Sunday that the administration would handle healthcare the same way they handled taxes.

Yes, he really said that. And his timing couldn't be better.

Now that April is here, more Americans will be rushing to pay their taxes before the deadline, and that means more Americans will realize they were sold a bill of goods with the Republican tax plans.

They won't be filling out their taxes on a postcard, they won't be seeing the refunds they are used to and they won't be feeling like Republicans care about the middle class.

Americans know that the tax bill was a giveaway to corporations and the obscenely wealthy. And they'll be reminded this week that they were not the priority when Republicans passed a law that has only added to our debt, made it easier for billionaires to buy private jets and resulted in far more stock buybacks than hiring sprees or pay raises.



And Trump wants to treat healthcare the same way?

Go for it. We're happy to have that debate.

Just like we're happy to debate the full release of the Mueller report.

Trump's strategy backfired. The idea that Barr could clear the president was always silly, but now we've seen the polling to know that it didn't work. And those same polls show us quite clearly that America is demanding to see the full Mueller report.

Those demands cut across party lines with more than 80 percent of Americans telling pollsters they want to see the whole thing.

This week will bring us the first in what will likely be a series of showdowns between House Democrats and Barr. Democrats are not backing down from their April 2 deadline to see the full report, and Barr is hedging.

We already know whose side the American people are on. We know they are with us on all three of these major issues.

So let's spend this first week in April talking about these three big issues that matter to the American people:

1. Let's continue our fight for healthcare and draw real contrasts with the people who are trying to destroy healthcare for millions of our family members, friends and neighbors;
2. Let's talk about this disastrous tax law at a time when Americans are seeing for themselves just how much of a con job it really was;
3. And let's continue to demand the Mueller report in its entirety and not some cleaned up summary designed to make Trump look good.

Republicans might be on a victory lap right now, but these are winning issues for Democrats.