

Many legal experts have said that a self-pardon

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Yes. It is legal for Trump to pardon his inner circle, including members of his family.

In 2001, former President Bill Clinton pardoned his own brother, Roger, who was convicted for cocaine possession in Arkansas.

Clinton pardoned about 450 people, including a Democratic Party donor, Marc Rich, who fled the country because of tax evasion charges.

WHO ELSE COULD TRUMP PARDON?

Trump has said he could pardon Michael Flynn, his former national security adviser, who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about discussions he had with a Russian official before Trump took office in 2017.

While awaiting sentencing, Flynn sought to withdraw his plea, claiming he was set up the FBI.

The Justice Department has been seeking a judge's permission to drop the case.

There has also been speculation that Trump would preemptively pardon his personal lawyer, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Federal prosecutors in Manhattan are investigating whether Giuliani broke lobbying laws in his dealings in Ukraine.

The investigation into Giuliani is tied to the case against two of his associates, who are accused of campaign finance-related violations. Giuliani has denied breaking any laws and has not been accused of criminal wrongdoing by prosecutors.

CAN TRUMP PARDON HIMSELF?

There is not a definitive answer to this question. No president has tried it before, so the courts have not weighed in.

"When people ask me if a president can pardon himself, my answer is always, 'Well, he can try, '" said Brian Kalt, a constitutional law professor at Michigan State University. "The Constitution does not provide a clear answer on this. ".

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