

## ***Democrats Have A Longstanding Pattern Of Promoting Violent Rhetoric And Condoning, Encouraging, And Demanding Violence***

### **In The Race For 2024, Calls For Violence By Democrats Have Persisted**

- Far from preaching civility, Democrats and prominent liberal activists are using violent rhetoric and encouraging physical confrontation.
- Kamala Harris has consistently used inflammatory and dangerous rhetoric against President Trump painting him as a “threat.”
  - [January 15](#): “At this moment in America, freedom is under profound threat.”
  - [March 18](#): “Donald Trump is a threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms. President @JoeBiden and I will restore Roe, protect voting rights, and finally address our gun violence epidemic. The contrast could not be clearer.”
  - [April 3](#): “Donald Trump: —Said he’s proud of his role in overturning Roe —Talks openly about plans for a nationwide abortion ban —Routinely praises authoritarian leaders — Vowed to be a dictator on day one —Called for cuts to Social Security and Medicare He is a threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms.”
  - [April 4](#): “If reelected, Trump has openly said he intends to weaponize the Department of Justice against his enemies. He openly talks about his admiration for dictators and has vowed to be a dictator on day one. It’s on us to recognize the threat he poses—the choice is clear in November.”
  - [May 24](#): “Donald Trump thinks gun violence is something we all need to just ‘get over.’ He is a threat to the safety of our children and communities.”
  - [June 17](#): “Donald Trump is a threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms. President @JoeBiden and I will continue fighting to restore Roe, protect our democracy, and address our gun violence epidemic. The contrast could not be clearer.”
  - [June 27](#): “Donald Trump has vowed that he will be a dictator on ‘day one.’ He is a threat to our democracy and our fundamental freedoms.”
  - [July 3](#): “It’s simple: Donald Trump is a threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms.”
  - [July 4](#): “If reelected, Trump has vowed to be a dictator on day one and openly said he intends to weaponize the Department of Justice against his enemies. It’s on us to recognize the threat he poses—the choice is clear in November.”
  - [July 13](#): “...what’s at stake this election and the clear threat the former president represents to our democracy.”
- On March 16, the Biden-Harris campaign put out a [statement](#) claiming President Trump “wants another January 6.”
- Just 14 days before the second assassination attempt on President Trump, Kamala Harris posted a [graphic](#) reading “Donald Trump vows to be a dictator on day one,” captioning it “We won’t let him.”
- Harris’ running mate Tim Walz [told](#) Americans that President Trump is a “threat to Democracy” and a “fascist” who will “put people’s lives in danger.”
- Biden told donors that “[it’s time to put Trump in a bullseye.](#)”

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- Rep. Dan Goldman (D-NY) said that President Trump must be “[eliminated](#)” to protect democracy.
- State Rep. Steven Woodrow (D-CO) tweeted “[the last thing America needed was sympathy for the devil but here we are](#)” following the assassination attempt on President Trump.
- Lincoln Project cofounder Rick Wilson said that “[they’re still going to have to go out and put a bullet in Donald Trump.](#)”
- Rep. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI) said Trump “[needs to be shot.](#)”
- Former Biden White House Communications Director said that Democrats need to “[turn their fire on Donald Trump](#)” days after the failed assassination attempt.
- A Democratic candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives, Will Stancil, questioned why “[Biden couldn’t just drone strike Trump and end this.](#)”
- Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX) compared Hispanic Trump supporters to “[Jews for Hitler.](#)”
- Former Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) said that Trump is “[more dangerous](#)” than Hitler and Mussolini.
- Actress Lea DeLaria called for Biden to “[take that Bitch Trump out](#),” calling him “Hitler” and saying to “blow him up.”
- Actor Robert De Niro warned that Trump would “[destroy the world](#)” unless he is stopped.
- Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) [said](#) “Right now I feel like MAGA in general, they are threats to us domestically” just hours before there was a second assassination attempt on President Trump.
- In a now deleted tweet, State Rep. Casey Weinstein (D-SD) [said](#) “Jd has reached the ‘Find Out’ stage.”
- A day after the second assassination attempt on President Trump, New York magazine columnist Jonathan Chait wrote a piece titled “[Donald Trump Is a Threat to Democracy, and Saying So Is Not Incitement.](#)”
- A month after President Trump was shot in an attempted assassination attack, former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi [called](#) President Trump a “threat to democracy of a kind we have not seen.”
- Less than 48 hours after President Trump was shot in an attempted assassination attack, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre [refused](#) to say whether Biden and Harris would stop calling President Trump a “threat to democracy.”

### **During President Trump’s First Term, Democrats Repeatedly Called For Violence**

- Biden said he wanted to “[beat the hell out of](#)” President Trump and “[smack him in the mouth.](#)”
  - Biden fantasized to a crowd about Trump being delivered a “[coup de grâce](#)” or death blow.
- Kamala Harris, asked about being stuck in an elevator with President Trump, Mike Pence, or Jeff Sessions, responded “[does one of us have to come out alive?](#)”
- Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) has repeatedly talked and [laughed](#) about “[punching](#)” President Trump.
  - Booker encouraged people to “[get up in the face of some congresspeople.](#)”
- Obama Attorney General Eric Holder said “[when they go low, we kick ‘em.](#)”

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- Hillary Clinton said “[you cannot be civil](#)” with Republicans, and that “civility can start again” only when Democrats take power.
- Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) has [encouraged activists](#) to confront Trump officials and supporters, saying “[you tell them they’re not welcome anymore, anywhere.](#)”
  - Waters said “[I will go and take out Trump tonight.](#)”
- Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) said that “[there needs to be unrest in the streets for as long as there’s unrest in our lives.](#)”
- Then-Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) said “[I just don’t even know why there aren’t uprisings all over the country. And maybe there will be.](#)”
  - Pelosi told Democrats “[you better be able to take a punch and throw a punch.](#)”
- Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) called for Democrats to “[fight in the streets](#)” against Trump.
- Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) said Trump “showed how dark his soul is” and is a “[truly dangerous man.](#)”
- Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D-MI) [displayed](#) an “86 45” sign during a national television interview encouraging viewers to “86” or [assassinate](#) President Trump.
- Former Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosello suggested he would “[punch](#)” the President “in the mouth.”
- State Sen. Martin Sandoval (D-IL) held a fundraiser with [a mock assassination of Trump.](#)
- State Sen. Maria Chapelle-Nadal (D-MO) posted on Facebook “[I hope Trump is assassinated!](#)”
- State Rep. Scott Hamann (D-ME) suggested he would [assassinate](#) the President if he came within ten feet of him.
- Liberal celebrities have openly discussed harming the President and his family.
  - Kathy Griffin posed for a [photo](#) made to look like the President had been decapitated.
  - Madonna admitted that she “[thought an awful lot about blowing up the White House.](#)”
  - Johnny Depp asked his audience “[when was the last time an actor assassinated a president?](#)”
  - Peter Fonda said Barron Trump should be ripped “[from his mother’s arms](#)” and put “in a cage with pedophiles.”
  - Robert De Niro said “[I’d like to punch him in the face.](#)”

### **Recent Supreme Court Decisions Led To Violent Democrat Rhetoric**

- Surrounding the *Dobbs* decision, Democrats fiery rhetoric was designed to intimidate the justices and encourage violence to achieve their political aims.
  - [Schumer](#) encouraged threats to Supreme Court justices in 2020 when he said “I want to tell you Gorsuch, I want to tell you Kavanaugh, you have released the whirlwind, and you will pay the price. You won't know what hit you.”
  - [Speaker Nancy Pelosi \(D-CA\)](#) encouraged her supporters to “rise up,” after the *Dobbs* decision, because “a normal response won’t suffice.”

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- [Nancy Pelosi](#) called on protesters to actively pressure justices to influence their decisions.
  - [Pelosi](#) said “the focus” was to influence and change the Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs*.
- Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) delivered “[literally a call to arms](#)” against pro-life Americans.
- Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) called on pro-abortion activists to “[armor up](#)” because “there’s a war out there.”
  - Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) agreed: “[That’s right. This is not a drill.](#)”
- Following the leak of the *Dobbs* decision, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot urged people to “[fight](#),” saying this “moment has to be a call to arms.”
- Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) urged angry protestors to get “[into the streets](#),” calling the *Dobbs* decision illegitimate.
- Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) called for pro-abortion extremists to “[fight](#)”: “The hell with the Supreme Court! We will defy them! ... You ain’t seen nothin’ yet.”
  - Waters called for protesters to ‘[get more confrontational](#)’ if no guilty verdict is reached in Derek Chauvin trial.
  - Waters encouraged protesters to “[create a crowd](#)” and “[push back](#)” against Trump administration officials they see in public.
- Democrats [refused to condemn the threatening protests](#) outside the homes of Supreme Court Justices.
  - [Sen. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer \(D-NY\)](#) answered “yes” when asked if he was “comfortable with protests...outside the homes of Supreme Court justices.”
  - [Former White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki](#) refused to condemn activists posting the justices’ home addresses online.
    - [Psaki](#) refused to say if Biden “has a view” on activists harassing justices at their homes.
    - [Psaki](#) refused to condemn protests at justices’ homes even though it is against the law.
    - [Psaki](#) refused to condemn the doxing of justices’ personal information even as threats of violence grew.
    - [Psaki](#) downplayed the harassment, claiming protests “have been peaceful to date and we certainly continue to encourage that outside of judges’ homes.”
  - [Gov. Gretchen Witmer \(D-MI\)](#) refused to condemn violence from pro-abortion extremists.

### **Republicans Have Been Targeted Victims Of Violence**

- Republican candidates and officials have regularly been attacked, with this violence being ignored or condoned by the left.
- In July 2024, President Trump was the target of an [assassination attempt](#), with the bullet piercing his ear.
  - In September 2024, President Trump was the target of yet another [assassination attempt](#).

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- In July 2022, New York Republican gubernatorial candidate [Lee Zeldin \(R-NY\) was attacked on stage at a campaign rally](#) near Rochester, NY after being called “extreme” by Democrats opponents.
- After Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) was [assaulted](#) by his next-door neighbor, sustaining broken ribs and bruises to his lungs in 2017, Nancy Pelosi’s daughter went to social media to seemingly [endorse the violence](#) against the Senator.
  - In 2021, Paul received a [suspicious package](#) at his family home.
  - In 2020, Paul was [attacked by BLM protestors](#) while leaving the White House.
- A man armed with a pistol, knife and other weapons [was arrested outside of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s](#) home in June 2022, citing the impending *Dobbs* decision as a primary motivation to assassinate Justice Kavanaugh.
  - Biden still has [yet to personally condemn the assassination attempt](#) of Justice Brett Kavanaugh.
  - After Democrats blocked a bill to offer heightened security to justices amid threats and an assassination attempt, [Speaker Nancy Pelosi \(D-CA\)](#) insisted no Supreme Court justice is “in danger.”
- In 2018, Republican [Whip Steve Scalise \(R-LA\) was shot at a Congressional baseball game practice](#) in Alexandria, VA by a Bernie Sanders supporter motivated by left wing calls of “Republicans are the Taliban of the USA.”
- In 2021, Republican Rep. Nancy Mace’s (R-SC) home was [vandalized](#) with profanity and graffiti, with three Antifa symbols sprayed.
- In March, a [RNC Hispanic Community Center in Milwaukee, WI was vandalized](#).
  - In June, [a RNC field office was vandalized](#) with a rock thrown through a window.
- In July, former [gubernatorial candidate Kandiss Taylor](#) (R-GA) had her family’s home swatted.
- Since August, Rep. [Marjorie Taylor Greene \(R-GA\) had her Georgia home swatted](#) on at [least six different](#) occasions.
- In 2021, then-California gubernatorial candidate Larry Elder (R-CA) was [attacked in the street](#) by a woman in a gorilla mask.

### **Democrats Tirelessly Vilified Republicans As Threats To Democracy**

- Biden has [repeatedly](#) called President Trump and Republicans existential threats:
  - [Biden](#): “I mean this from the bottom of my heart, Trump is a threat to this nation.”
  - [Biden](#): “There is one existential threat: it’s Donald Trump.”
  - [Biden](#): “Donald Trump is a genuine threat to this nation. He’s a threat to our freedom. He’s a threat to our democracy. He’s literally a threat to everything America stands for.”
  - [Biden](#): “Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans are a threat to the very soul of this country.”
  - [Biden](#): “It’s no understatement to say that Donald Trump represents an existential threat to the future of our country.”

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- [Biden](#): “Donald Trump is a threat to our democracy.”
- [Biden](#): “Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic. ... there is no question that the Republican Party today is dominated, driven, and intimidated by Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans, and that is a threat to this country.”
- [Kamala Harris](#): “Donald Trump is a threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms.”
- Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) declared “[Trump is an enemy of the United States.](#)”
- Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) called Trump an “[existential threat to our democracy.](#)”
- Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) claimed “[Trump poses the kind of existential threat our Founders feared.](#)”
  - [Schiff](#): Trump is the “gravest threat to our democracy.”
- [Rep. Gregory Meeks \(D-NY\)](#): “Donald Trump cannot be president again. He’s an existential threat to democracy ... Republicans just flock in one line. That’s something that endangers democracy. That’s what happened in the 1930s. The Germans just walked in line with Hitler and Stalin.”
- [Rep. Dan Goldman \(D-NY\)](#): “Trump is an existential threat to our country's democracy.”
  - [Goldman](#): “Donald Trump remains the greatest threat to our democracy.”
- Rep. Mondaire Jones (D-NY) claimed “[the Supreme Court poses an existential threat to democracy itself due to the 6-3 hyperpartisan, conservative majority that runs that institution.](#)”
- [Rep. Hakeem Jeffries \(D-NY\)](#): “Trump poses greatest threat to our democracy since Nixon.”
- Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA) stated “[I believe President Trump presents an existential threat to our democracy.](#)”
- Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA) claimed “[what unifies us as a party is knowing that Donald Trump is an existential threat to Democracy.](#)”
- Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA) said that President Trump is “[truly a danger to our democracy.](#)”
- Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) claimed “[Donald Trump is a threat to our democracy...the threats to our democratic republic are real.](#)”
- Rep. Annie Kuster (D-NH) suggested “[Donald Trump and his extreme right-wing followers pose an existential threat to our democracy.](#)”
- Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT) stated “[we cannot underestimate the threat \[Trump\] poses to American democracy.](#)”
- Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA) suggested “[the threat \[Speaker Mike Johnson\] poses to our democracy and religious freedom is undeniable...](#)”
- [Rep. Jason Crow \(D-CO\)](#): “Trump is a threat to democracy.”
  - [Crow](#): “Donald Trump is an extreme danger to our democracy. He is, in my view, an unstable man that poses a variety of dangers.”
- [Rep. Jamie Raskin \(D-MD\)](#): “The GOP today...qualifies as an authoritarian or a fascist political party so the threats, generally speaking, are all the threats of authoritarianism and fascism, that it will be the end of democratic self-rule in the country.”

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- [Rep. Nanette D. Barragan \(D-CA\)](#): “This is a Trump presidency that is going to take away your freedoms and is going to threaten democracy as we know it.”
- [Rep. Raul Grijalva \(D-AZ\)](#): “Trump is an existential threat to American democracy.”
- [Sen. Michael Bennet \(D-CO\)](#): “I voted to impeach Trump twice because he’s a threat to our democracy.”
- The Florida Democratic party claimed President Trump “[is an existential threat to our country...if he wins, we know that he’ll do everything possible to make sure he ends democracy.](#)”
- The Pennsylvania Democratic party claimed “[Donald Trump poses an existential threat to our democracy.](#)”
- [Attorney General Bob Ferguson \(D-WA\)](#): “Donald Trump is an existential threat to our democracy.”
- Liberal celebrities have shamelessly chimed in as well:
  - [George Takei](#): “Trump remains an existential threat to democracy...”