

Support for the Removal of Donald J. Trump from Office

Current & Former Republican Officials, Conservative Columnists, Editorial Boards and Other Leaders Calling for the Removal or Resignation of President Trump

Select Current & Former Republican Officials:

- **Representative Liz Cheney (R-WY):** *“The President of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack. Everything that followed was his doing. None of this would have happened without the President. The President could have immediately and forcefully intervened to stop the violence. He did not. There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution. [...] I will vote to impeach the President.”*
- **Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL):** *“There is no doubt in my mind that the President of the United States broke his oath of office and incited this insurrection. He used his position in the Executive to attack the Legislative. So in assessing the articles of impeachment brought before the House, I must consider: if these actions--the Article II branch inciting a deadly insurrection against the Article I branch--are not worthy of impeachment, then what is an impeachable offense? [...] I will vote in favor of impeachment.”*
- **Representative John Katko (R-NY):** *“To allow the President of the United States to incite this attack without consequence is a direct threat to the future of our democracy. For that reason, I cannot sit by without taking action. I will vote to impeach this President.”*
- **Governor Phil Scott (R-VT):** *“Enough is enough. President Trump should resign or be removed from office by his Cabinet, or by the Congress.”*
- **Governor Larry Hogan (R-MD):** *“I think there’s no question that America would be better off if the president would resign or be removed from office and if Mike Pence, the vice president of the United States, would conduct a peaceful transition of power over the next 13 days until President [Joe] Biden is sworn in.”*
- **Governor Charlie Baker (R-MA):** *“I think people should pursue whatever they believe will make is possible — through the most expeditious way possible — for the president to step down and for the vice president to assume the powers of the office for the next 14 days so that an orderly transition can take place.”*
- **John Boehner, Former Speaker of the House (R-OH):** *“It’s time for Donald Trump to consider resigning his post. He has violated his oath of office to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”*
- **Michael Chertoff, Former Secretary of Homeland Security:** *“The president, through his actions, has violated his oath of office and betrayed the public trust. More than that, his ongoing presence and unwillingness or inability to faithfully exercise his constitutional duties pose a direct threat to the peaceful transfer of power and the well-being of the*

Republic. Whether through resignation, impeachment and conviction, or invocation of the 25th amendment, President Trump must leave office immediately.”

- **Chris Christie, Former Governor of New Jersey:** *“I think if inciting insurrection isn't [impeachable], then I don't really know what is.”*
- **25 Former GOP Lawmakers:** *“There is no excuse for nor defense of a President of the United States to actively orchestrate an insurrection on a separate but coequal branch of government. Surely, the Founders would be sickened by the thought of such actions. As members of the branch that was under attack—not just politically but physically—you must remove the president from office. Congress must send a strong and clear message not just to this president but future presidents that this type of behavior will not be tolerated or accepted. Frankly, the message also needs to be made clear to the American people that there is no place in politics for political violence.” [Full Statement.](#)*
- **Colin Powell, Former Secretary of State, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and National Security Advisor:** *“What he is responsible for is one of the most disgusting things I've ever seen in all my years as a government employee here in the United States of America and in Washington, D.C.” [...] “He should be totally ashamed of himself, and he should take that shame and turn it into a resignation as quickly as possible.”*

Editorial Boards Across the Nation

- **Wall Street Journal:** *“This was an assault on the constitutional process of transferring power after an election. It was also an assault on the legislature from an executive sworn to uphold the laws of the United States. This goes beyond merely refusing to concede defeat. In our view it crosses a constitutional line that Mr. Trump hasn't previously crossed. It is impeachable.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **Miami Herald:** *“It is time to invoke the 25th Amendment. It is time for President Trump — as he told the violent, radical thugs who support him no matter what; who crawled over the U.S. Capitol like spiders; who breached House and Senate chambers; who brazenly confronted overwhelmed, ill-prepared law-enforcement officers; who forced lawmakers to take shelter — to “go home.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **Tennessee Tribune:** *“Donald Trump's time as President should end immediately, not on January 20. His rhetoric and role during the disgraceful and treasonous insurrection that occurred January 6 in Washington D.,C. was the most recent and obvious indication he has no respect for the office of the Presidency, the rule of law, or the will of the people. [...] Should Pence refuse or be unwilling to pursue removal of Trump via the 25th Amendment, then Pelosi and the Democrats should immediately proceed to another impeachment hearing.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **The Gazette (Cedar Rapids, Iowa):** *“Trump's actions and inaction Wednesday show his inability to lead. He deliberately used his rally to incite and went to the White House to watch his work on TV. He did nothing to stop the violence, only weakly tweeting that the*

mob should support Capitol Police and disperse. It was too little, too late. He has proved he is incapable of completing his term. He must resign or be removed. He's made it clear that even 13 more days of his presidency are too many for the nation to bear." [Full Editorial.](#)

- **New York Times:** *"The president needs to be held accountable — through impeachment proceedings or criminal prosecution — and the same goes for his supporters who carried out the violence. In time, there should be an investigation of the failure of the Capitol Police to prepare for an attack that was announced and planned in public."* [Full Editorial.](#)
- **Washington Post:** *"PRESIDENT TRUMP'S refusal to accept his election defeat and his relentless incitement of his supporters led Wednesday to the unthinkable: an assault on the U.S. Capitol by a violent mob that overwhelmed police and drove Congress from its chambers as it was debating the counting of electoral votes. Responsibility for this act of sedition lies squarely with the president, who has shown that his continued tenure in office poses a grave threat to U.S. democracy. He should be removed."* [Full Editorial.](#)
- **Syracuse Post Standard:** *"President Donald Trump is unfit to lead the country for another minute, let alone another 13 days. Congress must impeach him immediately for fomenting insurrection by his supporters to prevent a peaceful transfer of power. If Congress won't act, members of the Cabinet must invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office."* [Full Editorial.](#)
- **Chicago Sun Times:** *"Donald Trump should promptly be removed from the office of the presidency for fomenting an insurrection aimed at Congress. Outside the White House on Wednesday, America saw an unprecedented, shameful and dangerous spectacle unfold: Trump inciting a crowd of his supporters to march on the U.S. Capitol. Once there, his mob of insurrectionists overran the Capitol police, stormed the building, smashed windows, climbed walls and terrorized lawmakers. For hours, they shut down Congress' business of certifying the Electoral College votes that made Joe Biden the president-elect. It was an assault on democracy that stunned the world."* [Full Editorial.](#)
- **South Florida Sun Sentinel:** *"[President Trump] is a danger to the nation so long as he is president. Even the Wall Street Journal editorial board said he should resign."* [Full Editorial.](#)
- **Boston Globe:** *"Right now, the most important thing for the country is removing the immediate threat posed by Donald Trump. But that urgent short-term priority does not eliminate the need for accountability for his behavior, including not just his sedition and incitement of violence but his attempt to subvert the election in Georgia by calling an election official and asking him to "find" votes. The House impeached Trump once, and must do so again — whether or not he leaves before Jan. 20. And this time, the Senate must convict him."* [Full Editorial.](#)
- **The Capitol Times (Madison, Wisconsin):** *"Donald Trump is a racist, a xenophobe and a foe of democracy who is prepared to use the power and prestige of the presidency of the United States to disrupt and destabilize the election process and the governing of the*

nation. He has disregarded his solemn oath to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.” He is a clear and present danger to the republic, as has been proven again and again. [...] Every avenue must be taken to disempower and remove a president who was rejected overwhelmingly by the voters on Nov. 3, and whose lawlessness since Election Day has torn the country apart.” [Full Editorial.](#)

- **USA Today:** *“By egging on this deadly insurrection and hailing the rioters (“We love you, you’re very special.”), the president forfeited his moral authority to hold the nation’s highest office, even for 13 more days. More urgent, he reinforced profound questions, and raised new ones, about his judgment and ability to fulfill his most minimal responsibilities to the country he is supposed to lead and protect. Trump’s continuance in office poses unacceptable risks to America.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **San Antonio Express News:** *“Although there are only days left in his term, President Donald Trump must be impeached and convicted. Impeachment and conviction would disqualify him from future federal public office. It would put a hard stop to any future assaults.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **Philadelphia Inquirer:** *“We join the bipartisan calls for the removal of President Donald Trump from office by invoking the 25th Amendment or a swift impeachment. His incitement of his supporters who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday was a treasonous act that cannot be tolerated.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **The Daily Iowan:** *“The 12 and a half days left in the president’s term pose a real and permanent threat to American democracy, its republic, and its citizens. We can’t simply wait out the clock after our fascist commander-in-chief flailed with all his might to, somehow, be declared president. It needs to end now.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **San Francisco Chronicle:** *“History will remember the day Donald J. Trump erased any remaining doubt that he is not just a delusional demagogue but a clear and present danger to the nation’s security. He should be removed from office immediately, whether through resignation, impeachment or the 25th Amendment’s prescription for dealing with a president unfit to serve.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **Albany Times-Union:** *“Mr. Trump must resign now. If he won’t, Vice President Mike Pence and the Cabinet should invoke the 25th Amendment and remove him from power for the rest of his term. And Congress should impeach him for violating his oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. The man who provoked this act of insurrection must never hold office again.” [Full Editorial.](#)*
- **St. Louis Post-Dispatch:** *“[A] full congressional censure is in order, if not removal of Trump immediately under the 25th Amendment. He unquestionably encouraged and enabled what turned into the ransacking of the Capitol.” [Full Editorial.](#)*

- **Baltimore Sun:** *“Before he endangers one more American life, Donald Trump must be removed from office. Whether that’s through his Cabinet invoking the 25th amendment or an emergency House hearing to impeach him followed by a Senate vote, we don’t much care — whichever is faster. He’s made a mockery of our laws, our values and our standing in the world throughout his term, but today is the last straw. Our Capitol building was overtaken because of him. A woman was killed. The National Guards of D.C., Maryland and Virginia were activated.”* [Full Editorial.](#)

Membership Organizations

- **70 Advocacy Organizations:** *“President Trump has presented an incontrovertible case that he is unfit to serve as President. Trump is a clear and present danger to the safety and security of the country and cannot be allowed to continue in office. [...] President Trump has shown he is willing and able to create and incite a criminal and seditious mob to invade the United States Capitol. There is no way to know what other dangerous and destructive acts Trump is also capable of undertaking in his remaining days in office. Trump must be held accountable for his central role in the invasion and desecration of the Capitol.”* [Full Statement.](#)
- **National Association of Manufacturers:** *“This is sedition and should be treated as such. The outgoing president incited violence in an attempt to retain power, and any elected leader defending him is violating their oath to the Constitution and rejecting democracy in favor of anarchy. Anyone indulging conspiracy theories to raise campaign dollars is complicit. Vice President Pence, who was evacuated from the Capitol, should seriously consider working with the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment to preserve democracy.”* [Full Statement.](#)

Conservative Columnists

- **Conservative Columnist & Former Speechwriter for Ronald Reagan, Peggy Noonan:** *“Mr. Trump is a sick, bad man and therefore, as president, a dangerous one. He has grown casually bloody-minded, nattering on about force and denouncing even his own vice president as a coward for not supporting unconstitutional measures. No one seems to be certain how Mr. Trump spends his days. He doesn’t bother to do his job. The White House is in meltdown. The only thing that captures his interest is the fact that he lost, which fills him with thoughts of vengeance. [...] Removing him would go some distance to restoring our reputation, reinforcing our standards, and clarifying constitutional boundaries for future presidents who might need it.”*
- **Conservative Columnist, Jonah Goldberg:** *“The president of the United States incited a mob. It was a disgraceful, inexcusable, impeachable act.”*
- **Conservative Columnist, Michael Stokes Paulsen:** *“President Trump should be impeached and removed from office immediately. He has, without doubt, committed acts constituting “high Crimes and Misdemeanors” within the meaning of the Constitution’s impeachment standard.”*

- **Conservative Columnist, Jennifer Rubin:** *“Trump’s incitement of an attack on the government and his unwillingness to categorically and immediately call for it to halt would certainly suggest he is “unable to perform” the job of president. Pence needs to perform his obligations.”*

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