

In response to MAGA Republicans remaining silent and even defending Donald Trump promising a "bloodbath" if he loses, **DNC Rapid Response Director Alex Floyd released the following statement:** 

"Donald Trump has spent years threatening and defending political violence, and no one should know better how dangerous he is for our democracy than members of Congress who were in the United States Capitol on January 6. Once again, Trump's MAGA allies are turning a blind eye as Trump promises a 'bloodbath' if he loses. This is the same man who has repeatedly pledged to pardon violent insurrectionists who stormed our Capitol, applauded 'very fine people' at the white supremacist Charlottesville rally, and constantly praises brutal dictators. Republicans will try to hide behind weak excuses, but their silence and refusal to condemn Trump's appalling and violent rhetoric speaks volumes with voters, who will reject Trump and the GOP's dangerous extremism in November."

After Donald Trump promised a "bloodbath" if he loses in November...

<u>Trump</u>: "If I don't get elected, it's gonna be a bloodbath for the whole- that's going to be the least of it. It's going to be a bloodbath for the country."

... MAGA Republicans once again quickly rushed to his defense.

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Politico: "Reaction to Trump's speech: When is 'a bloodbath' not a bloodbath?"

"Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) also accepted the interpretation of Trump's 'bloodbath' as pertaining to the American auto industry."

"Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.), speaking on NBC's 'Meet the Press,' also said he was dubious about the uproar over Trump's language Saturday. ... Cassidy said the press must bear some blame for interpreting Trump's remarks in the worst possible light."

Trump is once again facing intense criticism for his extreme and dangerous rhetoric.

NBC News: "Trump says there will be a 'bloodbath' if he loses the election"

Politico: "Trump says country faces 'bloodbath' if Biden wins in November"

Rolling Stone: "Trump Says There Will Be a 'Bloodbath' and Elections Will End if He Isn't Reelected"

New York Times: "Trump Defends His Warning of a 'Blood Bath for the Country"

Trump continues to praise and embrace violent January 6 rioters – including calling them "hostages" and "patriots" and vowing to pardon "a large portion" of those who attacked our Capitol.

Newsweek: "Donald Trump Salutes Jan. 6 'Hostages' at Ohio Rally"

Business Insider: "Then-President Donald Trump didn't want to specifically call for the Justice Department to prosecute January 6 rioters or forcefully condemn those who stormed the Capitol as unrepresentative of the MAGA movement."

Washington Post: "No, Trump did not order 10,000 troops to secure the Capitol on Jan. 6"

The Hill: "Trump describes imprisoned Jan. 6 rioters as 'hostages'"

<u>Washington Post</u>: "Trump vows pardons, government apology to Capitol rioters if elected"

NBC News: "Former President Donald Trump promised Wednesday night that if he is elected

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he will pardon a 'large portion' of the people convicted of federal offenses for their participation in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol."

□□ Washington Post: □□ "Former president Donald Trump on Thursday praised and embraced a woman convicted of defying police orders on the U.S. Capitol grounds on Jan. 6, 2021. ... Trump has steadily escalated his advocacy for people charged in the Capitol riot, including by pledging to pardon them if he returns to the White House, praising them as patriots, participating in a recording with Jan. 6 prisoners singing the national anthem, and playing it at his first rally of the 2024 campaign last month."

<u>Trump</u>: "January 6, it was the largest crowd I've ever spoken to. And they were there proud, they were there with love in their heart. That was an unbelievable — and **it was a beautiful day.**"

NBC News : "Trump spoke at a fundraiser for Jan. 6 defendants"