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JOY REID: It is now the dogma of the Republican Party that the insurrection was good, it was great. That was the messaging last night at a festival of Trumpism in Virginia, under the guise of a rally for a Republican candidate for governor Glenn Youngkin, where this actually happened:

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I also want to invite Kim from Chesapeake. She's carried an American flag that was carried at the peaceful rally with Donald J. Trump on January 6.

[CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I ask you all — I ask you all to rise and join us as Mark Lloyd leads us in the pledge.

MARK LLOYD: Face the flag. I pledge allegiance to the flag.

REID: Sigh. It is idolatrous and deranged that they are now worshipping this totem to the insurrection. But in the end, the religion of Trump really just boiled down to the fact that decrepit old orange Julius Caesar simply cannot accept that he lost the election. And his followers have built an entire religion around that pathetic fact. Youngkin himself was not there for the call to worship. And, today, he distanced himself from the pledge that he called "weird and wrong."

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JUANITA TOLLIVER: And this is only going to continue for the foreseeable future, because no member of the GOP has a backbone to stand up to this man. They've shown this time and time again. This is who they are. This is who they align with and it looks like Youngkin is no different, frankly, right? He might not have been in the room, but these are words that he believes. This is stuff he said in the GOP primary in Virginia. And he's just tapping back into that, because, even though he wasn't in the room yesterday night, he's still been doing radio with Seb Gorka. He's been out on the stump with Virginia Senator Chase, who we know repeats these same lies, so expect Democrats to hit that drum, roll that same playback you just show, Joy, because they know that's going to help Democrats turn out and they know it's going to turn off independents and swing voters across the commonwealth.

REID: Yeah. I mean, you know, Kurt, you know, the thing about a god is that they are invisible unless — when they're not in their golden idle form. So, when Trump is not in his gold form at CPAC, where he can see them, he's invisible. And so, Mr. Youngkin may want to put out a little statement saying, well, that was "weird and wrong," but he's now probably got to like coil

himself in a ball and wait for their invisible god to hit him, because he can — even without Twitter, if Trump were to come out and be like, eef, Youngkin, he would panic because he needs those voters, right? He needs the freak vote. He needs the religion vote and he thinks he can also somehow get the regular, moderate, normal people vote. So where does he go from here? Can he — can he withstand that was weird and wrong, or is he eventually going to have to take the knee?

KURT BARDELLA: Oh, come on, Joy. We have seen this play over and over again. He's going to take the knee, just like Lindsey Graham did, just like Marco Rubio did, just like Ted Cruz has done, just like every single person who was a part of the Republican Party establishment now and let's be clear. This is the Republican Party establishment now, the Steve Bannons, the Donald Trumps, the Josh Hawleys. All of these right-wing, racist, authoritarian wannabes is the establishment Republican Party and Glenn Youngkin is first in line wanting to be a part of them. I don't care what he said in that statement. If you want to put out a real statement that addresses this, then go out there, Glenn, and say: I don't want a single person who applauded when that flag came out to vote for me. I don't want a single person who participated in Charlottesville to vote for me. I don't want a single person who believes in the great lie to vote for me, I don't want a single person who thinks that the domestic terrorists who participated in January 6, I don't want them to vote for me. Do that, Glenn. Go out there and make that statement and then you can say that you're different from Donald Trump and Steve Bannon. But until you do that, you are just one of their acolytes. You are just one of their enablers. You're just one of those people marching in the army that is determined to undermine democracy and let's make no mistake about it. If we do not elect Terry McAuliffe and the rest of the Democratic Party slate, they will use states and positions like the secretary of state, attorney general, lieutenant governor, governor's office to hijack democracy in 2024. It's not just about what happened with the Big Lie in 2020. They are telegraphing that it is their intention, it is their purpose, it is their mission to use the instruments of government in elections like this to impact and steal the election in 2024.

REID: And if y'all are in Virginia, and you don't believe that, I have a big bridge to sell you. If Youngkin gets in, the pressure on him to steal the election and do whatever he can to steal it in 2024 will be enormous, and he will fold like a Romney.