

MSNBC's *The ReidOut*

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JOY REID: We're going to begin *The ReidOut* with our dark Republican future. Now, what we saw during yesterday's House floor debate on censuring Paul Gosar was a useful demonstration of our two political parties. So that they're kind of like parents. You have the Democrats, the responsible parent telling you to be decent to people who are different from you and take care of the Earth, and don't threaten to kill people, even as a joke and who pass things like health care and roads and bridges and food for people who can't afford it then there's the other parent, the YOLO parent, the Republicans, who lets you stay up all night and eat Snickers for dinner, and take off your mask in a Covid cloud, and sorry, you can't have health care if you get sick because YOLO and whose answer to anything and everything is to scream about the border and the scary Brown people are taking over America and meh, and history is mean. Cancel it. Now, to be clear, this is not a substantive party. Take, for example, Congressman Matt Gaetz, who's still under investigation for alleged sex trafficking of a teenage girl, which he denies, and who has faced zero consequences from Republican leadership for that embarrassing mess. Here he is defending Kyle Rittenhouse.

[GAETZ SOUNDNBITE]

REID: This is not a joke. Kyle Rittenhouse is on trial for murder. It's as serious for his family as it is for the families of his victims. It is not a joke. But it is to Matt Gaetz. And that, that is the kind of unserious thing that you only say if you're from a party that is so bereft of purpose that it dominated by internet trolls obsessed with dangerous, violent memes, like the dumbest member of Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, which is saying a lot with Marjorie Three Names out there, who used her time on the floor yesterday to spread stupid, racist conspiracy theories about Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. And if you're wondering what it would be like if this bag of Trump Cheetos retake power next year, just put that prospect in your mind for a minute. These people are the leaders of the Republican Party. That's the only reason we show them to you on this show. And they would be running this country. House minority leader Kevin McCarthy — and let's just be clear — he would be working for them, he made it clear that if his party is back in power, he will put Gosar and Margie Q. Green back on their committees, maybe even better ones. McCarthy is just stating what we already know. That if this party comes back, it's going to be one giant revenge fantasy.

[MCCARTHY SOUNDBITE]

REID: That's not a serious man. He's just not. So while the responsible party, the only party left that cares about democracy at this point, the yes, sometimes irritating party, that keeps the lights on and makes sure that you go to the doctor, that part of the Democrats, while they spent today working to clear the messy final hurdles to pass the Build Back Better bill, which will get Americans day care and home health care and cheaper prescription drugs and help save the planet — a vote on that is expected later tonight — while they are doing that, like regular politics, your

drunk, mostly absentee, Nazi curious, authoritarian Republican Party is doing this circus, waiting around for you to put their ridiculous, embarrassing, democracy-hating, Trump-cult authoritarianism, open-racism-embracing, dangerous behinds back in power.

[HOUSE GOP CLIPS]

REID: They all are cartoons. [INTRODUCES PANEL] You know, Tim, the only thing that's scarier than the fact that there are people walking around in the caucus who the minute they got back in the majority, would take off their masks and maybe cough Covid all over their colleagues and maybe get some people sick or dead, the only thing scarier than that is the fact that — that I cannot imagine any other scenario than those people actually being the leadership of the party. The fact that our democracy rests in the hands of that crew is terrifying to me. I feel like our democracy rests on the eye of a stupid needle. I don't know.

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REID: They're going to go after Adam Schiff. I mean, I could see them just trying to expel any members of Congress that they don't like, right? They'll go after Ilhan Omar. They'll go after The Squad. They're just going to spend all of their time doing fake investigations trying to impeach Joe Biden for God knows what, for, you know, having a son they don't like. They're gonna — they're just — this is what they're going to do. And not — and only tit for tat. I am still convinced that the reason that Republicans impeached Bill Clinton, they were hunting for a way to impeach him because — as payback for Nixon. Like, this is how the party operates. It's just a payback party. There's not going to be legislation other than maybe, like, banning the 1619 Project nationally and making it illegal to say that anybody white ever in history was ever mean. Like, I mean, I guess that'll be their agenda? Build a wall with our money?

JUANITA TOLLIVER: Retribution is the only goal. It's the only motivator at this point and frankly, Speaker Pelosi hit the nail on the head at her press conference today where she said Republicans are a clear threat to our democracy and hearing that, you would think that Democrats would say okay, let's do everything we can to shore up our systems before they get in here and create more chaos and create more damage.

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TOLLIVER: Democrats should actually hold up a mirror to the GOP and the voters to communicate that, because you're not trying to convince GOP voters who — we know facts don't do anything for them, but for independent voters, for women voters, for young voter, this is something that Democrats can absolutely leverage going into the midterms to maybe scare folks

into voting in the — when we know that the party in power typically is at a disadvantage.

REID: And that is the challenge that I have, Tim, because I don't think Democrats understand what they're facing. Because the thing is — and I did this Twitter thread that was what kind of inspired us to do the thread this morning in which I was trying to communicate that Democrats are the government party. And so, if you're mad at the government, you're generally mad at Democrats, because they're the ones who are actually governing. So, when the government irritates you and things about the government irritate you, that's the Democrats. And they're also the party that's telling you, you know, you really shouldn't cut all those trees down. It's ruining the environment. You know, you really should wear your mask when you're walking around because of Covid. You know, you really should — they're like the parents that you think of as mean because they're, like, you really should go to bed at the right time. Republicans, what they do, while it is fascism curious in many ways, is also — it's more attractive in some ways. They're the permission party. They're saying, “go on, tell that racist joke, that's okay. Don't worry about it. You don't have to wear your mask. I know 700,000 people died. That's not your problem.” They're the party that's basically permitting you to do what you want.