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## White Christian Nationalism and the Next Wave of Political Violence

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There was a brief period when Republicans appeared to reject Trumpism. Sen. **Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) **condemned** the insurrectionists as “terrorists, not patriots,” Senate Minority Leader **Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) **said** the seditionists were “fed lies” by **President Trump**. Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) — one of only 10 Republican congresspeople to vote for impeachment — **said** Trump fomented the attack.

This short period of condemnation is now very clearly over. A recent **poll** found that two-thirds of Republicans do not think **Joe Biden** was legitimately elected president and nearly 40 percent believe that political violence is acceptable. And with **all but six** GOP senators saying that a non-sitting president cannot be impeached, the GOP is telling America — and the world — that violent Trumpism is who they are.