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Was Democracy Really on the Ballot?

On November 2, less than a week prior to the midterm elections, President Joe Biden gave a grave speech at Union Station in Washington, D.C., warning that “democracy is on the ballot.”

How so?

To establish the proper tone for his astounding assertion, Biden began by referring to the recent attack on Paul Pelosi, the husband of the speaker of the House. “Where’s Nancy? Where’s Nancy?” the president quoted Pelosi’s assailant saying. He then continued: “Those were the very same words used by the mob when they stormed the United States Capitol on January the 6th.”

According to Biden, this “enraged mob ... had been whipped up into a frenzy by a President repeating over and over again the Big Lie that the election of 2020 had been stolen. It’s a lie that fueled the dangerous rise in political violence and voter intimidation over the past two years.”

Biden also claimed that Trump made this “Big Lie an article of faith in the MAGA Republican Party,” that the MAGA wing of the GOP is the party’s “driving force,” and that MAGA “is trying to succeed where they failed in 2020 to suppress the rights of voters and subvert the electoral system itself.”

He even warned that “it’s estimated that there are more than 300 election deniers on the ballot all across America this year.” “Election deniers,” of course, is the phrase that Biden, other politicians, and the major media are now employing to besmirch anyone who dared question the 2020 election results and who wants to restore election integrity.

Outrageous Remarks

Biden’s remarks were outrageous on several levels.

First of all, Paul Pelosi’s assailant by no means represents MAGA Republicans, and neither do the few miscreants who engaged in violence on January 6, 2021. Second, in his speech the president overlooked left-wing political violence, from the rioting that occurred in hundreds of cities across the country in the wake of George Floyd’s death to the attacks on pro-life pregnancy centers and churches in the wake of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Third, there is plenty of evidence of voting irregularities in the 2020 presidential election to justify questioning the results of that election, despite Biden’s claim that “there is no election in our history that we can be more certain of its results.” Fourth, it does not make sense to worry (as Biden did in his speech) that MAGA Republicans can “suppress the rights of voters,” or to claim (as many leftists have) that Putin put Trump in the White House to begin with, in 2016, while labeling those who question other election results “election deniers.” Fifth, the notion that voting for certain candidates threatens democracy is ludicrous on its face. Isn’t democracy about majority rule? If the majority votes contrary to how Biden and others of his ilk want them to vote, how is that anti-democracy?

A Republic, Not a Democracy

And sixth, the United States is not, and was never intended to be, a democracy. In fact, the Founding Fathers opposed democracy. To cite just one example, James Madison, the Father of the U.S. Constitution, warned in *The Federalist*, No. 10: “Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and



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have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths.”

The Founding Fathers established a constitutional republic, and the difference between the republic they gave us and the democracy others falsely claim we have is fundamental. A republic is a government of law that limits governmental powers and protects the rights of the people. A democracy is a government of men where the majority rules, even if that rule means violating basic rights.

[Our view of the midterm elections](#) is very different from Biden’s or the major media’s. But this should not surprise, since our analysis is not based on the false claim that democracy was on the ballot nor that America is a democracy.

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