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Trump: Time to Reopen Alcatraz for “Vicious” Criminals

If Orange Man Bad gets his way, America’s most hardened criminals will do their time on The Rock.

That’s right. On Truth Social on Sunday, POTUS 47 suggested reopening the federal prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay. It’s now a tourist attraction, but once was home to the nation’s most notorious convicts.

Federal prison officials are on board with rebuilding a penitentiary there, the far-left Mainstream Media reported. Although, as is customary, the worthies of the Fourth Estate quickly ridiculed the idea because they know more about penology than Trump, or even [Jeremy Bentham](#).



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— Donald J. Trump Posts From His Truth Social (@TrumpDailyPosts) [May 4, 2025](#)

The Post

The mass media’s latest feeding frenzy began when Trump did what he usually does to troll them.

“REBUILD, AND OPEN ALCATRAZ! For too long, America has been plagued by vicious, violent, and repeat Criminal Offenders, the dregs of society, who will never contribute anything other than Misery and Suffering,” Trump began:

When we were a more serious Nation, in times past, we did not hesitate to lock up the most dangerous criminals, and keep them far away from anyone they could harm. That’s the way it’s supposed to be. No longer will we tolerate these Serial Offenders who spread filth, bloodshed, and mayhem on our streets. That is why, today, I am directing the Bureau of Prisons, together with the Department of Justice, FBI, and Homeland Security, to reopen a substantially enlarged and rebuilt ALCATRAZ, to house America’s most ruthless and violent Offenders. We will no longer be held hostage to criminals, thugs, and Judges that are afraid to do their job and allow us to remove criminals, who came into our Country illegally. The reopening of ALCATRAZ will serve as a symbol of Law, Order, and JUSTICE. We will, MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

Two minutes later, Trump trolled again, this time with an old photo of the place.



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The impracticality of Alcatraz is beside the point for our reality television star president. Like sending undocumented migrants to a vicious mega-prison in El Salvador, the point is the optics of dominating people deemed to be deviants. Mass incarceration and dangerously powerful police forces aren't sufficient for Trump. He wants to do something spectacular and dramatic to induce an atmosphere of even more fear and cruelty.

A *New York Times* reporter relied on the expertise of tourists to ridicule the idea. "I thought it was a joke," German tourist [Philipp Neumann told](#) the *Times*. "It's a ruin, isn't it, more or less?"

Well, yes, which is why it would be *rebuilt*. But, in any event, the *Times* reporter then turned to two tourists in England:

Tony and Deb Vickery, visiting from England, disembarked a cruise ship to spend the day on Alcatraz. They said they had felt that their journey was hitting all of the Trump hot spots.

They had just sailed through the Panama Canal, which Mr. Trump wants the U.S. to control, and are headed for Canada, which he has suggested the U.S. should seize as the 51st state.

"We think he's mad," Ms. Vickery said. "He's lost his marbles."

As have the British officials who have permitted Muslims to take over England's capital, London, and many other cities, and [covered up](#) the [Muslim grooming-gang rapes](#) of [250,000 British girls](#).

We are sorry to say that London is beyond recovery. pic.twitter.com/H4hvbniMtG

— RadioGenoa (@RadioGenoa) [May 6, 2025](#)

Alcatraz History

Among the dangerous criminals once imprisoned at Alcatraz are the following:

- [Al Capone](#), leader of the Chicago Outfit and architect of the [St. Valentine's Day Massacre](#), who died, ultimately, from [syphilitic paresis](#);
- [Alvin Karpis](#), kidnapper, cop killer, and "brains" of the the [Ma Barker gang](#);
- [George "Machine Gun" Kelly](#), a bank robber who, like Capone and Karpis, became Public Enemy No. 1;
- [James "Whitey" Bulger](#), the Boston Irish mob boss who murdered 11 people, but blamed his violent streak on dosing with LSD [as part](#) of the CIA's illegal MKUltra mind-control program; and,
- [Robert Stroud](#), the so-called "Birdman of Alcatraz," who worked with canaries at Leavenworth Prison, but was not the avuncular, put-upon victim Burt Lancaster represented him to be in the movie.



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