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Gabbard Quits DNI Post to Care for Husband With Bone Cancer

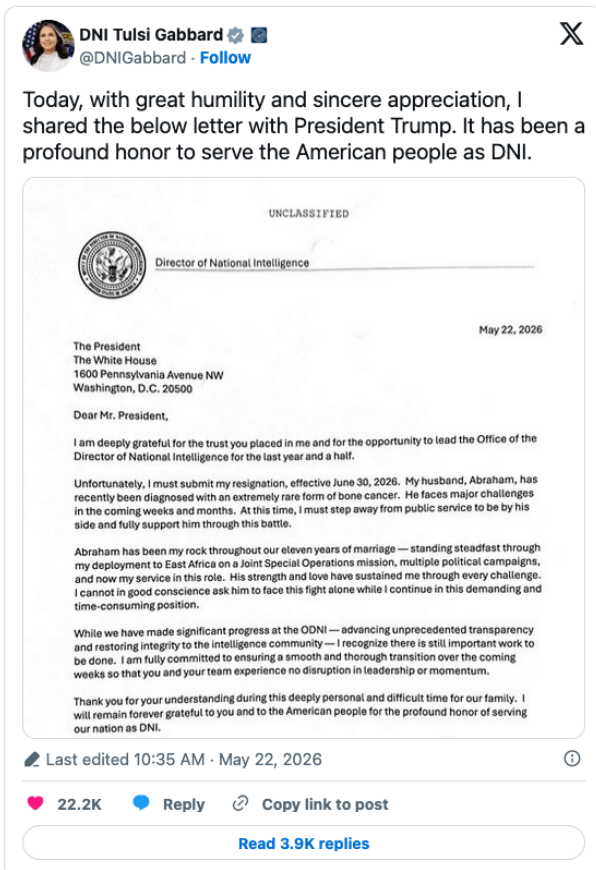
Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard resigned her post today, but not because she's had enough of President Donald Trump's waging war on behalf of Israel and attacking America-first Republicans such as Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky and former Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia.

Gabbard's husband, Abraham, is afflicted with a rare form of bone cancer. She must leave the job to care for him.

Her last day on the job will be June 30.



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Tulsi Gabbard



Gabbard's Rise to Power

A Democratic representative from Hawaii, Gabbard wasn't much known nationally when she ran for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020. Failed presidential candidate [Hillary Clinton falsely called](#) her a "Russian asset."

In October 2022, [she left](#) the party, [stating on X](#):

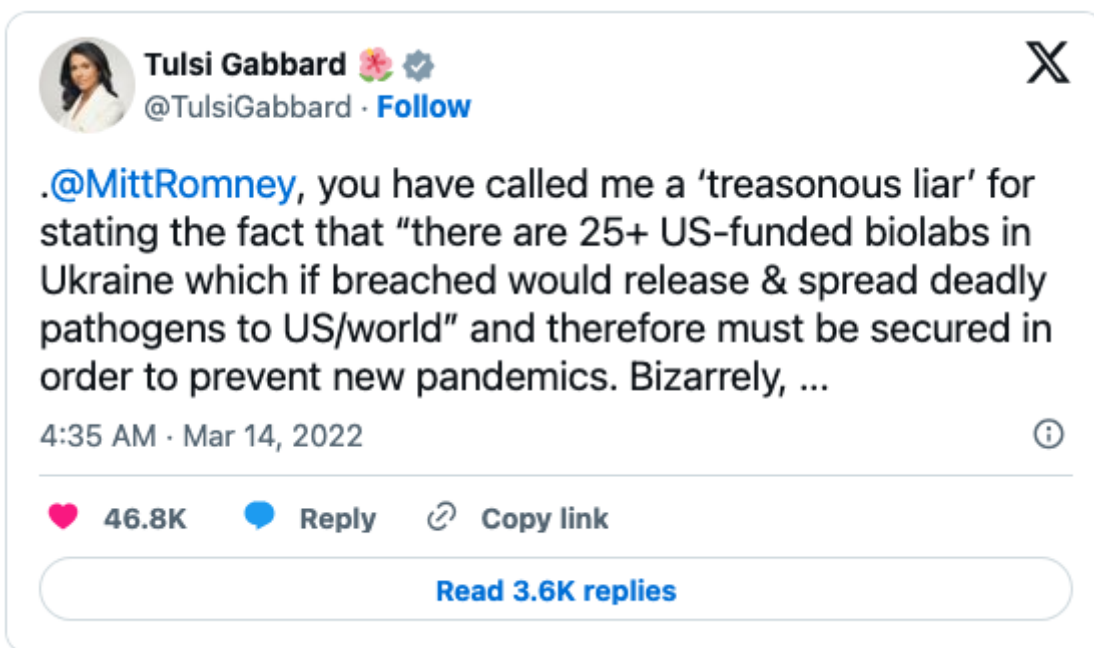


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I can no longer remain in today's Democratic Party that's under the complete control of an elitist cabal of warmongers who are driven by cowardly wokeness — who divide us by racializing every issue and stoking anti-white racism; who actively work to undermine our God-given freedoms ...; who are hostile to people of faith and spirituality; who demonize the police but protect criminals at the expense of law-abiding Americans; who believe in open borders; who weaponize the national-security state to go after their political opponents; and above all, who are dragging us ever closer to nuclear war.

I believe in a government that's of the people, by the people, and for the people. Unfortunately, today's Democratic Party does not. Instead, it stands for a government that is of, by, and for the powerful elite. Now, I'm calling on my fellow common-sense, independent-minded Democrats to join me in leaving the Democratic Party.

A month later, failed GOP presidential candidate [Mitt Romney accused](#) her of treason for “parroting false Russian propaganda.” Gabbard had revealed that the United States had funded more than two dozen biolabs across Ukraine.



A lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, [Gabbard served](#) in Iraq and elsewhere overseas. [Romney received](#) four draft deferments to stay home from Vietnam.

[Gabbard endorsed](#) Trump for president in 2024, partly because he promised no more foreign wars. “A vote for Donald Trump is a vote to end wars, not start them,” she wrote on X in October 2024:

We are at a historic crossroads. Our God-given rights are under attack. Now is the time for us to stand together, for love of country, and for Donald Trump to get us back on the path to peace, freedom, and prosperity.




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Accomplishments as DNI

A month later, [Trump picked](#) Gabbard to be DNI. Top [Democrats again smeared](#) her as a “Russian asset” in “Putin’s pocket.”



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In February 2025, [Gabbard fired](#) more than 100 intelligence officials involved in perverted sex talk in a National Security Agency chatroom.

Gabbard worked quickly to unveil the Democratic attempt to wreck Trump via the [Russia Collusion Hoax](#), [which was](#) conceived by Hillary Clinton and her presidential campaign torpedoes. In July 2025, [she declassified](#) reports proving that President Barack Hussein Obama directed U.S. intelligence agencies to find that Russia had helped elect President Donald Trump in 2016, despite those agencies' assessment that Russia did no such thing.

[The documents proved](#) "a treasonous conspiracy" by Obama and top intelligence officials to manufacture a false Russia narrative.

That August, [Gabbard revoked](#) the security clearances of 37 intelligence officials who either politicized intelligence, leaked classified information, or trespassed tradecraft standards.

But then Trump broke his key campaign promise and ordered the attack on Iran on behalf of Israel, which Gabbard undoubtedly opposed. And he put Gabbard into an impossible situation when [she testified before](#) the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Her written statement said that Operation Midnight Hammer, the U.S. attack on Iran last June, "obliterated" the nation's nuclear capability. And, her statement said, Iran has not begun rebuilding it. But that claim undermined President Donald Trump's oft-stated rationale for bombing Iran: to stop them from developing nuclear weapons.

Under a grilling from far-left Democratic Senator Jon Ossoff of Georgia, Gabbard could not say Iran posed an "imminent nuclear threat" to the United States, as the White House had argued.

Resignation

In her resignation letter, Gabbard explained that her husband was "diagnosed with an extremely rare form of bone cancer" and "faces major challenges" in the near future.

She described her husband as her "rock" during multiple deployments overseas. "His strength and love have sustained me through every challenge. I cannot in good conscience ask him to face this fight alone while I continue in this demanding and time-consuming position."

While transparency and integrity in the intelligence agencies has greatly improved, Gabbard wrote, "there is still important work to be done."



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