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MSNBC's Big Lies: Trump Rally in Madison Square Garden Reprised 1939 Nazi Rally; Trump Hopes for Political Violence

Proving once again that Vice President Kamala Harris' message of the day is *their* message of the day, MSNBC falsely told viewers that the Donald Trump rally in Madison Square Garden on Sunday was a repeat of a Nazi rally held there in February 1939.

Far-left homosexual Jonathan Capehart led herstorians [Ruth Ben-Ghiat](#) and [Anne Applebaum](#) in an anti-Trump hit parade that featured vintage footage of the 1939 rally, complete with Nazi salutes.

Message of the three hate-Trump leftists: Trump is literally Adolf Hitler. That happens to be the same claim that Democratic presidential candidate Harris made after it appeared in the far-left *Atlantic*.

And, they all agreed, Trump hopes to foment political violence.



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"What Trump is trying to do [is] reach a latent, angry, maybe racist, maybe violent segment of society that doesn't usually turn out for elections." [@anneapplebaum](#) analyzes the extreme rhetoric coming out of Trump's Madison Square Garden rally [#SundayShow](#) pic.twitter.com/i6a2hxo4DZ

— The Saturday/Sunday Show with Jonathan Capehart (@weekendcapehart) [October 27, 2024](#)

The Rally

The Trump campaign filled the 19,500-seat arena to capacity, and put on a lengthy show that featured comedian Tony Hinchcliffe, pro wrestler Hulk Hogan, U.S. Senator J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), former Trump aide Rudy Giuliani, and, of course, Orange Man Bad himself.

Trump delivered his typical campaign speech, and [again vowed](#) to use the Alien Enemies Act of 1798, now [50 U.S. Code 21-24](#), to deport some 20 million illegals. President Joe Biden released millions of them into the country, and hundreds of thousands of them [are dangerous criminals](#). Some 13,000 are murderers. The act permits the president to deport any foreigner deemed dangerous to the country.

Trump Is Hitler

Any gathering of patriotic Americans is the chance for MSNBC to smear Trump and his followers, which Capehart, Ben-Ghiat, and Applebaum did with brio as the rally proceeded.



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Capehart opened with a bald-faced lie.

He said that the rally — which he called a “jamboree” — “is particularly chilling” because of the 1939 rally at which a Jewish man was assaulted and stripped.

No one was assaulted and stripped yesterday, and no Nazi or fascist flags appeared either, an inconvenient fact for the far-left Capehart, who claimed that Trump would use military troops “to carry out mass deportations of immigrants.”

In fact, [Trump vowed](#) to use the military to deport *illegal aliens*, and Capehart well knows it.

A leftist professor at New York University, Ben-Ghiat claimed that the rally site “is not a casual choice” because Trump is, well, Hitler.

He “objects strenuously to people comparing him to Hitler, [but] he is the one who has gone out of his way to use rhetoric, talking about polluting our blood, calling people vermin. Even releasing a campaign ad that says he is going to create a unified Reich.”

That “ad” did not come from Trump’s campaign, but instead from a third party. A Trump campaign staffer — who did not see the words “unified Reich” — [reposted it](#) on Truth Social.

Ben-Ghiat also discussed John Kelly, the former chief of staff [who claimed](#) Trump admired Hitler’s generals and asked why his generals couldn’t be as loyal as they were. Writer Jeffrey Goldberg reprised that old, dubious claim in *The Atlantic*. The article, in turn, [inspired a speech](#) by Harris, which gave MSNBC its message for Sunday during the rally.

As if trying to imprison, bankrupt, and kill Trump wasn’t unhinged enough for Kamala Harris, now she is desperately trying to equate him to Adolf Hitler, who executed 6 million Jews and millions of others. As an American and as a Jew, I’m disgusted by Harris’ moral depravity. pic.twitter.com/P9PXPjEN9X

— Lee Zeldin (@LeeMZeldin) [October 23, 2024](#)

Trump Wants Violence

Ben-Ghiat claimed Trump wants violence:

Trump has been using his rallies since 2015 to radicalize people, to incite violence.... And all of the racist stereotypes against Latinos, Blacks, and misogynist stereotypes, and all of the vulgarity and crudeness is designed to help people lose their inhibitions and their taboos against inciting ... against committing violence if their leader asks them to.

Then came Applebaum, [who wrote](#) an article for *The Atlantic* titled “Trump Is Speaking Like Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini.”

Noting that most candidates tack to the center near the end of a campaign, Applebaum claimed that Trump aims to energize violent radicals who usually don’t vote. They, apparently, will become an army of beer-hall brownshirts.

“This isn’t language that’s been part of mainstream American politics before,” Applebaum claimed. “When I was writing that article, I went back and looked at a few other eras in the last century to see if I could find anybody talking about vermin or poisoning the blood or comparing political enemies to



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insects, and I couldn't find it."

Trump is worse than George Wallace, she said:

This is language that is deliberately being imported and used knowingly by Trump and by others around him, including at this rally. It's also interesting that, normally, at this point in a campaign, a candidate would be going to the center.

They would be looking for ... swing voters, for people in the middle, people who are trying to make up their minds. What Trump is trying to do is radicalize people who don't usually vote, to reach ... some kind of latent, angry ... maybe racist, maybe — maybe violent segment of society that doesn't usually turn out for elections.

Of course, Trump did not call his "political enemies" — meaning far-left, mainstream Democrats — "vermin."

He specifically targeted dangerous radicals whose political ideology implicitly permits political violence.

"We pledge to you that we will root out the communists, Marxists, fascists, and the radical left thugs that live like vermin within the confines of our country," [Trump said](#). Somehow, those groups became run-of-the-mill "political enemies."

It's simple: Donald Trump is a threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms.

With your vote, we will stop him this November. pic.twitter.com/8ThNfBjar8

— Kamala Harris (@KamalaHarris) [July 3, 2024](#)

Democrat congressman Dan Goldman: President Trump "cannot see public office again . . . and he has to be eliminated." pic.twitter.com/oTCDHanaqf

— Arthur Schwartz (@ArthurSchwartz) [July 14, 2024](#)

And indeed, those political enemies [have claimed](#) for years that Trump is a Nazi or fascist, an "existential threat to democracy" — a "threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms," [Harris said](#) — who "has to be eliminated."

Trump is "using a kind of extremism that we're not used to," Applebaum claimed.

Capehart turned back to Ben-Ghiat, who again said Trump hopes to incite violence, and presumably, that such violence will end badly for his "political enemies."

"Is he also doing this to get them to go the next step? And that is to ... incite violence, to have them do violence if he doesn't win?" Capehart asked.

Ben-Ghiat:

I believe so. He does need them to vote, but as we well know, from all the GOP senators and congressmen who refused to commit to accepting the results of free and fair elections, the GOP is now an autocratic party for the most part that is dependent on election denial, the Big Lie.



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Hilariously, the three claimed that Trump, by standing in front of a poster that said “Trump Was Right About Everything,” copied Italian Fascist leader Benito Mussolini. Mussolini’s slogan was “Mussolini is always right.”

Ridiculous, yes, but mission accomplished. [MSNBC did its job](#) and broadcast Harris’ message for the day.



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