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Sanders: Another Run Highly Unlikely. New Progressive Will Carry the [Red] Banner

Senator Bernie Sanders says his last presidential campaign was his last campaign.

The elderly socialist told a reporter for the *Washington Post* that “another candidate” will “carry the progressive banner,” a frightening thought that brings to mind Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the over-schooled, undereducated former barmaid who went from making Martinis to writing laws faster than you can say gimme one for my baby and one more for the road.



Last of the Democratic hopefuls to drop out of the race to topple Joe Biden, Sanders is 78, born three months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The reason he won't run again is age. By 2024, the next election after 2020, he will be 82 — if he lasts that long. A [heart attack nearly felled](#) Sanders on the campaign trail.

Even someone so obtuse as [to praise communist murderer](#) Fidel Castro as a godsend to medicine and literacy knows when it's time to toss in the red towel.

Slim, Slim

Sanders divulged the news during a video-chat with a *Post* reporter, who closed the interview with the obvious question: Are you running again?

“I think the likelihood is very, very slim at that. I think, next time around, you're going to see another candidate carrying the progressive banner,” Sanders [said](#).

“So there is a chance?” the *Post* hopefully added. “You didn't fully close the door, senator.”

[Replied Sanders:](#)

Let's not be a media person worried about what's gonna happen four years from now. I think it's very unlikely that I'll be running for president ever again.

I think right now, the focus, I would say, not only of progressives, not only of Democrats, but ... independents, moderate Republicans, has got to be how we come together to defeat this very dangerous president who is in office right now.

Rejected but Victorious

Sanders dropped out of the race for president on April 8, and suggested, perhaps with some justification, that his success in going as far as he did meant that Americans were ready for 1930s socialism.

Listing his key campaign planks, [Sanders claimed](#) that most Democrat and even Republican voters supported his “new vision” of a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, socialist healthcare, wrecking the oil industry, and college for everyone. “It was not long ago that people considered these ideas radical and



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fringe,” he said. “Today, they are mainstream ideas and many of them are already being implemented in cities and states across the country. That is what we have accomplished together.”

Lost on Sanders, apparently, was a simple truth: Americans rejected him for Biden’s more moderate although racially tinged New Deal liberalism.

Still, he was right about one thing: Millions of Americans supported him. When he departed the race, he had 914 delegates to Biden’s 1,217. Sanders was going strong and had won three primaries until Biden vanquished him on Super Tuesday.

Who succeeds Sanders can likely count on that support, too.

Gulags and Firing Squads

Evidence that Sanders staffers, and likely Sanders himself, knew not enough Americans would support socialist medicine, doing away with oil, or other totalitarian measures surfaced in secretly recorded video of his campaign staffers, who promised carnage if and when he lost the race — and carnage if he won.

[Project Veritas released](#) multiple videos in which those [staffers promised](#) a Soviet- or Maoist regime that would take complete control of the economy and punish dissenters.

The angry, hirsute campaign workers, who looked like they time-traveled from [Max Yasgur’s dairy farm](#) in 1968, threatened riots, burning cities, and murdered police if he lost, and gulags and firing squads for moderates and conservatives if he won.

“Liberals get the wall first,” [one said](#).

The “gulags are a lot better than what the CIA has told us,” he continued. “Like people were actually paid a living wage in gulags, they had conjugal visits in gulags, gulags were actually meant for like re-education.”

Given Sanders’ [admiration for Fidel Castro](#) and other communist tyrants, and that Sanders didn’t fire the staffers, he was either unaware of what they said, which is highly unlikely, didn’t care about it, or, more frighteningly, agreed.

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