

## **MAGA won, Democracy lost**

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After the House Speakership remained vacant for 22 days while MAGA Republicans fought like velociraptors to elect a replacement, a new speaker was elected by unanimous Republican vote. Representative Mike Johnson of Louisiana, who led the MAGA movement to overturn the 2020 presidential election results, will now wield the gavel.

MAGA Representative Matt Gaetz, who launched this assault on democracy, is thrilled, noting “if you don’t think that moving from Kevin McCarthy to Maga Mike Johnson shows the ascendance of this movement, and where the power of the Republican party truly lies, then you’re not paying attention.”

Representative David Rouzer gushed that “Speaker Johnson strongly reflects the values, integrity, and conservative principles of the Republican Party.” No surprise, as Rouzer was one of the 147 insurrectionists voting against certifying President Biden’s legitimate win. Speaker Johnson continues espousing The Big Lie of Trump’s “stolen” election to this day.

If you’re a traditional Republican, let me offer you my sincerest condolences. Your party is officially dead. MAGA staged a successful coup, and you lost.

If you’re a veteran, consider what Vote Vets said: “There is a lot to dislike about Mike Johnson’s policy positions – from voting against Veteran victims of toxic burn pits to his pro-Putin vote against Ukraine. None of that is as shocking as his attempts to end our democracy and Constitutional republic. That the man who is two heartbeats away from the Oval Office helped engineer the insurrection, and coup against the President-elect, is a crisis and an insult to what our Troops fought and died to protect.”

As Rouzer and his cronies celebrate their MAGA coup, millions of Americans fear that Speaker Johnson’s extreme views will deny them the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness promised by our Constitution. Please vote as though democracy is at risk. This is not a drill.

Sincerely,  
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