

Rouzer, Gosar Kindred Spirits

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In yet another [shameful vote](#), Congressman David Rouzer defended fellow Republican Representative Paul Gosar for [posting a video](#) on Twitter showing him attacking President Biden with swords and killing Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. After the House voted 223 to 207 to censure and strip him of committee assignments, Gosar [thanked](#) Rouzer and the Republican caucus for their support and retweeted the [murder video](#).

Gosar [refuses to apologize](#), claiming “she is representative of the [plague](#) of illegal immigration.” Representative Ocasio-Cortez is an [American citizen](#), born in New York City. Her family is of Puerto Rican descent. Puerto Ricans are American citizens. He explained how he sought to spread his hateful message to young Americans: “We were trying to reach out to the [newer generation](#) that likes these anime, these cartoons.”

In February, Gosar was the [keynote speaker](#) at the [annual meeting of AFPAC](#), a [white nationalist organization](#). His own brothers and sister have called for his removal, saying he is “[dangerous, unhinged and reckless](#)”, a “[sociopath](#)”, a “[racist](#)”, and “[ridiculously unfit](#)” to be a congressman. They want him prosecuted for his role in [instigating](#) the January 6 insurrection.

Like Gosar, Rouzer [promoted the Big Lie](#) that the election was stolen, precipitating the attack on Congress. Even after the insurrectionists were forcibly removed, Rouzer, like Gosar, took their side by [voting to throw out lawful votes](#) from Arizona and Pennsylvania. Like Gosar, he [voted against a bipartisan commission](#) to investigate the insurrection. Like Gosar, he [voted against enforcing](#) the January 6 Committee’s subpoena of Steve Bannon.

No wonder Rouzer defended Gosar’s video in which he attacks the president and murders a congresswoman. When it comes to giving aid and comfort to those who use violence for political gain, they truly are kindred spirits.

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