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Wyoming GOP Censures Liz Cheney

Cheyenne, Wyoming, <u>is a long, long way</u> from Washington, D.C. In distance, it's 1,650 miles. By car it's 25 hours. Ideologically, the distance is light years.

On Wednesday, 145 House Republicans voted to keep Cheney on as chair of the House Republican Conference, while just 61 voted to remove her for voting with nine Republicans and every House Democrat to impeach then-president Donald Trump. On Saturday, the Wyoming Republican Party censured Cheney by a vote of 66-8 for the same reason.

One of the 66, Darin Smith, a Cheyenne attorney who ran against Cheney in the Republican primary in 2016, said, "We need to honor President Trump. All President Trump did [on January 6] was call for a peaceful assembly and protest for a fair and audited election. The Republican Party needs to put her on notice."

Nearly a dozen of Wyoming's 23 counties have also passed their own resolutions criticizing Cheney for siding with the House Democrats in voting to impeach Trump.

And two candidates have already announced plans to run against her in the primary leading up to the 2022 midterm elections.

At the moment, said Martin Kimmet, chairman of the Republican Part in Park County, Wyoming, "She couldn't win a primary today for dog catcher." The Wyoming GOP stated, "There has not been a time during our tenure when we have seen this type of an outcry from our fellow Republicans, with the anger and frustration being palpable in the comments we have received. Our telephone has not stopped ringing, our email is filling up, and our website has seen more traffic than at any previous time." It's clear, the statement added, that members of "the Party vehemently disagree with Representative Cheney's decision and action."

Cheney stated publicly why she would vote to impeach Trump:

This insurrection caused injury, death and destruction in the most sacred space in our Republic. Much more will become clear in coming days and weeks, but what we know now is enough. The President of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack. Everything that followed was his doing.

None of this would have happened without the President. The President could have immediately and forcefully intervened to stop the violence. He did not. There has never been









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a greater betrayal by a President of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution.

I will vote to impeach the President.

Her vote to impeach betrayed the Wyoming voters who put her into office, believing her to be a genuine believer in and supporter and defender of the Constitution. They believed the lie from her campaign website: "Reelect a Strong Conservative Voice Working for Wyoming, As Wyoming's lone Representative in the U.S. House Liz has been a leader in restoring our liberties and fighting for our constitutional rights."

As *The New American* noted of Cheney's claims to be a conservative: "Well, not exactly. According to *The New American*'s Freedom Index, Representative Cheney scored a meager 50 percent, hardly a mark of a stellar conservative or constitutionalist." The Freedom Index measures how closely members of Congress hew to the U.S. Constitution with their voting.

What Cheney has successfully hidden from her constituents is her long and close ties to the very Deep State that Trump promised to expose. Her vote suggests just how close he came to succeeding.

Where will Cheney wind up once she is voted out of office? Longtime political activist C. Edmund Wright knows: "She will lose overwhelmingly in the 2022 primary, but only after conducting a scorchedearth candidacy against her opponents. They will then be so weakened financially and politically that the path will be open for a Democrat to replace her in the general election."

Wright says Cheney will likely wind up as a regular commentator on left-wing "news" outlets such as MSNBC or CNN, reprising the role of "the good Republican … the kind of Republican who hates all real conservatives and legitimate Republicans."

Just the type of "good Republican" her vote to impeach Trump revealed her to be, and which Wyoming voters are just now discovering.

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