

A Response: The next chapter in American history awaits.

Let me say first I appreciate you sending this letter, but I must disagree with your position on the trial. I could expand at great length on both the legality and necessity of convicting Donald Trump, but to what avail? But let me say two things: first, and forgive me, but your "balance accountability with precedents" is just, in a word, a copout. The real issue is accountability **and** justice, and that cannot be accomplished by allowing his actions to go unpunished so as "not to upset his followers," which is being said by some in Congress.

Second, please consider this. Post-Civil War, the country did not clamp down on the "Heroes of the Confederacy." Statues were raised, and military bases were named after them. Today, we have a culture where that War and those who led treason against the United States are glorified, and more importantly, because the reminders of that time were always celebrated, the Country never fully healed. This is exactly where we are today. Trump incited violence, an attack on the nation's Capital and our Democracy. If you let this go, he becomes stronger, and the movement survives.

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him." Yes, Revelations 6, and yes, it is the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. And reading this, you might say, "Gross overreaction." Possibly. But did you ever imagine a mob of Americans storming our Capitol? Did you ever think an American President would say to a mob, "... we're going to walk down, and I'll be there with you, ...we're going to walk down to the Capitol ...Because you'll never take back our country with weakness." Well, we now know it has, and the country is in a place not unlike the Civil War. Brothers are against brothers; some are ready for violence for a cause they do not understand.

And now this leader with no morals, no conscience, and no concern for America would tear down this country to remain in power. And what of those who are complicit? The names of Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley are forever infamy in the history books as two elected officials who led the movement that resulted in the January 6th attack. How will history remember you?

When the next "war" comes, this time from Trump's disillusioned followers, and it will come, what will history say about your role in this? A courageous hero who stood for justice or a cowardly fool who gave his soul for the promise of votes.

You and others in the Senate have the opportunity to end this. To convict Trump and to announce to all Americans his was an administration of lies.

The next chapter in American history awaits you.