

According to the Mayo Clinic, a D&C procedure is used for the following medical reasons: Clearing out tissues that remain in the uterus after a miscarriage or abortion to prevent infection or heavy bleeding; Removing a tumor that forms instead of a normal pregnancy; Treating excessive bleeding after delivery by clearing out any placenta that remains in the uterus; or Removing cervical or uterine polyps, which are usually benign.

However, when Pauline woke up from the anesthesia, she was informed that the doctor had removed her fallopian tube during the surgery.

This medical procedure, which substantially impacts Pauline's potential to have more children, was performed without her consent and has forever altered Pauline's life.

And Pauline is not the only victim.

Numerous allegations of medical abuse at the Irwin County Detention Center have come to light over the past few days and weeks.

These shocking claims of medical malpractice reflect widespread medical neglect in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention system.

It is imperative that we, as Members of Congress, fulfill our duty to the American people and get to the bottom of what happened to the women being held at the Irwin County Detention Center.

We cannot wait.

The women in this facility cannot wait.

We must seek out justice for these women immediately, and that starts by voting to pass this resolution.

Furthermore, Pauline and the other women who have shared their stories of these violating and nonconsensual medical procedures must have the ability to contribute to this investigation.

Had I not intervened and stopped Pauline's deportation when I did, we would have lost a key witness to the investigation; someone who is vital to shining a light on these cruel, and immoral medical procedures performed without full and informed consent.

We cannot be known as a country that violates our own laws.

Just because someone is an immigrant, is undocumented, or being detained for deportation, it does not mean that they can be denied their due process rights under the laws of this land and under the constitution of the United States of America.

Last weekend, I, along with several other Members of Congress, had the opportunity to visit the Irwin County Detention Center.

During that trip, I was able to speak with multiple detainees and hear about the living circumstances and quality of care surrounding their detention at the facility.

It is no secret that the United States has had a long history of women being denied reproductive rights and being violated medically, especially women of color.

When you perform procedures that disallow a woman from making her own choices or deny her from making a choice, you are violating her very humanity, and I will not stand idly by and allow it to continue.

As a woman and a mother, I am appalled and horrified by what has been happening to these women at the Irwin County Detention Center, and I believe that we owe it to them to investigate their claims fully.

I urge my colleagues to vote with their conscience and pass H. Res. 1153 today.

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Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time remains.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Washington has 1 minute remaining.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, John Adams' famous observation bears repeating here today.

He said: "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

We have heard a great deal from the other side about their passions, but we don't have all the facts. That is what the ongoing investigations will provide us.

The facts that stubbornly present themselves on this matter here today are that the AP found no evidence of mass hysterectomies at this facility. The hospital that performs them for the facility reports that two have been performed on ICE detainees since 2017. The hospital tells us the allegations are demonstrably false—demonstrably—in other words, they can prove it. The attorney who made the allegations that have given rise to this debate today admitted to The Washington Post that they were not based on any evidence and that she included them "whether or not true" to prompt the investigation.

All the wishes and inclinations on the other side to abolish ICE, repeal our immigration laws, throw our borders open, all the other things that have been proposed from time to time and all of the vitriolic passions we have heard from the other side today cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.

More facts and evidence will be presented to us as the investigation unfolds, and that will tell us exactly what happened at this facility. I would strongly advise my friends to await the investigation to inform us and to guide us.

My Democratic colleagues are fond of saying that we must always follow the data. Mr. Speaker, I now commend to them their own advice.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, let me close by saying to my good colleague across the aisle that, when he says that first reports are always wrong, let me ask, is that like the first reports of family separation or kids in cages?

When my colleague says to let the investigation continue, that is exactly what this resolution does. It specifically defines the ability to keep these women who will be witnesses in this investigation in the United States. In fact, just last week we had to, once again, make sure that a woman was

not deported who had her left fallopian tube removed, and it was confirmed by independent gynecologists.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I really believe that we crafted this resolution in a way that it could truly be a bipartisan resolution and that protects the ability for this investigation to continue with all the facts on the table, and we are grateful that there is an investigation going.

But in order to have a proper investigation, we need to have these witnesses here. We need to make sure that the women who have had these procedures are actually able to get care. And we need to make sure that this House says very clearly, in any situation, that these unnecessary, unwanted medical procedures, if true, done without consent and knowledge, are wrong.

That is all this resolution does.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues on the other side will vote "yes" with us on this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1164, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and on the preamble, as amended.

The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

CONDEMNING QANON AND REJECTING THE CONSPIRACY THEORIES IT PROMOTES

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1164, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1154) condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1164, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1154

Whereas, throughout history, conspiracy theories that falsely blame secret cabals or marginalized groups for society's ills have fueled prejudice, genocide, and acts of terrorism;

Whereas QAnon is a movement promoting a collection of unfounded conspiracy theories that have spread widely on the internet since 2017;

Whereas QAnon initially alleged that prominent Americans are engaged in a secret plot to control the world, while using their power to exploit children, and has expanded to embrace virtually every popular conspiracy theory of the last several decades,

from questioning the truth about the September 11th terrorist attacks, to believing in alien landings, to denying the safety of vaccines;

Whereas many QAnon followers express anti-Semitic views, and the Anti-Defamation League has said that the movement's central conspiracy theory includes anti-Semitic elements;

Whereas conspiracy theories have been a central driver of anti-Semitism for centuries, and QAnon conspiracy theories are fanning the flames as anti-Semitism is on the rise in the United States and around the world;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has assessed with high confidence that "fringe political conspiracy theories", including QAnon, "very likely motivate some domestic extremists, wholly or in part, to engage in criminal or violent activity", and that these conspiracy theories "very likely encourage the targeting of specific people, places and organizations, thereby increasing the likelihood of violence against these targets";

Whereas the FBI bases this assessment on "events in which individuals committed crimes, plotted attacks, or successfully carried out deadly violence, and who—either before or after their arrests—attributed their actions to their conspiratorial beliefs";

Whereas QAnon adherents have been implicated in crimes that they claim their QAnon beliefs inspired, including—

(1) a man arrested in 2018 for plotting to plant a bomb in the Illinois Capitol rotunda to make Americans aware of the "Pizzagate" conspiracy theory;

(2) a man arrested in 2018 for using an armored car to block traffic on the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge;

(3) a man in Arizona arrested in 2019 for vandalizing a Catholic church;

(4) a woman in Colorado arrested in 2019 for plotting an armed raid to kidnap her child, who had been taken from her custody;

(5) a man charged with the murder of an organized crime boss in New York in 2019; and

(6) a woman arrested in New York with a car full of knives after posting a video accusing Joe Biden of participating in child sex trafficking and threatening to kill him;

Whereas the FBI further assesses that "these conspiracy theories very likely will emerge, spread and evolve in the modern information marketplace . . . fostering anti-government sentiment, racial and religious prejudice, [and] increasing political tensions";

Whereas, according to the Combating Terrorism Center at the United States Military Academy at West Point, "QAnon is arguably no longer simply a fringe conspiracy theory but an ideology that has demonstrated its capacity to radicalize to violence individuals at an alarming speed";

Whereas Facebook, Twitter, and Google have removed or blocked QAnon groups and content from their platforms for violating their policies against misinformation, bullying, hate speech, and harassment;

Whereas QAnon adherents have been harming legitimate efforts to combat child exploitation and sex trafficking, including by overwhelming antitrafficking hotlines with false reports;

Whereas the conspiracy theories promoted by QAnon undermine trust in America's democratic institutions, encourage rejection of objective reality, and deepen our Nation's political polarization; and

Whereas our Nation's polarization is further accentuated by others, from the far left to the far right, promoting extreme ideologies and antigovernment conspiracy theories, hijacking legitimate peaceful pro-

tests, and encouraging followers to damage, deface, or vandalize local, State, and Federal Government properties and to attack law enforcement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns QAnon and rejects the conspiracy theories it promotes;

(2) condemns all other groups and ideologies, from the far left to the far right, that contribute to the spread of unfounded conspiracy theories and that encourage Americans to destroy public and private property and attack law enforcement officers;

(3) encourages the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as all Federal law enforcement and homeland security agencies, to continue to strengthen their focus on preventing violence, threats, harassment, and other criminal activity by extremists motivated by fringe political conspiracy theories;

(4) encourages the intelligence community to uncover any foreign support, assistance, or online amplification QAnon receives, as well as any QAnon affiliations, coordination, and contacts with foreign extremist organizations or groups espousing violence; and

(5) urges all Americans, regardless of our beliefs or partisan affiliation, to seek information from authoritative sources and to engage in political debate from a common factual foundation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL) and the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1154.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, QAnon is a movement promoting a collection of unfounded conspiracy theories that have spread on the internet over the last several years. These conspiracy theories undermine public trust in our democratic institutions and our election process, and that is why I am pleased to support this important, bipartisan resolution by Representatives MALINOWSKI and RIGGLEMAN.

QAnon initially alleged that prominent Americans are engaged in a secret plot to control the world while using their power to exploit children. It now extends to a range of dangerous conspiracy theories. The FBI has assessed with high confidence that "fringe political conspiracy theories," including QAnon, "very likely to motivate some domestic extremists, wholly or in part, to engage in criminal or violent activity and that these conspiracy theories very likely encourage the targeting of

specific people, places, and organizations, thereby increasing the likelihood of violence against these targets."

Mr. Speaker, as the Members may know, the resolution's lead sponsor, Representative MALINOWSKI, has himself faced threats from QAnon supporters after he was falsely accused of lobbying to protect sexual predators.

According to the Combating Terrorism Center at the West Point Military Academy: "QAnon is arguably no longer simply a fringe conspiracy theory but an ideology that has demonstrated its capacity to radicalize to violence individuals at an alarming speed."

Fortunately, a growing number of political leaders recognize the threat that QAnon poses, and that includes Republican House Minority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY, who recently said that "there is no place for QAnon in the Republican Party."

The Malinowski-Rigglesman resolution does several things:

It condemns QAnon and rejects the conspiracy theories that it promotes;

It encourages the FBI and all Federal law enforcement agencies to continue to strengthen their focus on preventing violence, threats, harassment, and other criminal activity by extremists motivated by fringe political conspiracy theories;

And, finally, it urges all Americans, regardless of our beliefs or partisan affiliation, to seek information from authoritative sources and to engage in political debate from a common, factual foundation.

I would hope that these are principles we could all agree with on a bipartisan basis.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution which condemns an extremist group known as QAnon.

I have to admit that I had only recently heard of this group, but I didn't know any of the details of their beliefs or tactics until this resolution was brought to us. But from what I have read, they are a delusional group that began with an internet post in 2017, and they hold the bizarre belief that the Federal Government is infested with satanic pedophiles who are busy running a global child sex trafficking ring when they are not plotting against President Trump.

Now, I am tempted to say you can't make this stuff up, but, obviously, somebody did make this up; and, given the reach of the internet, it is apparently being taken seriously by some extremists who are turning to violence.

Lest it get out of hand, it is appropriate for the House to speak with one voice on behalf of all of our communities across this great Nation in condemning QAnon and its conspiracy

theories. It should be clear to every man and woman of goodwill in this country that this group seeks only to further roll our society and divide our citizens along lines of race, religion, and politics.

Even in this highly polarized political climate, I think we can all agree on this. Let me ask us all to do so without attempting to smear any party or candidate with the ravings from this, the lunatic fringe, of our society.

That term, “lunatic fringe,” was popularized by Theodore Roosevelt. He wrote this in his autobiography: “Then, among the wise and high-minded people who in self-respecting and genuine fashion strive earnestly for peace, there are the foolish fanatics always to be found in such a movement and always discrediting it, the men who form the lunatic fringe in all reform movements.”

He continued: “As I have already said, there is a lunatic fringe to every reform movement.”

We have seen that borne out in the turbulent period of history that we now occupy, and how we deal with it will determine whether we can calm the political waters and restore peace and tranquility to our cities and civil discourse to our conversations.

In that regard, it is important to note that QAnon and the lunatic fringe on the right no more speak for the right than antifa and the lunatic fringe on the left speak for the left. Both are poisonous to our democratic institutions, and both are destructive of what Lincoln called the mystic chords of memory that should unite us as a free people.

So allow me to voice my hope that we will see similar condemnations of the lunatic fringe that has been given free rein in recent months to rampage, loot, vandalize, and burn so many of our towns and cities across the country.

QAnon and its allied groups are real, but antifa and its allied groups are also real. Both are direct threats to our democracy because both threaten to employ violence for political ends, and that is the very definition of terrorism. No free society can long endure if their acts of violence are excused, ignored, or tolerated.

Lincoln said it best: There is no grievance that is fit object for redress by mob law. To that, I would add this observation: Without law enforcement, there is no law; and without law, there is no civilization.

I would express the fervent hope that, before we adjourn, we will entertain condemnations of all groups on all sides that employ violence for political ends by name.

Wednesday night, the Rules Committee rejected a motion on a party-line vote that would have brought to the floor a resolution condemning antifa and its allied groups concurrent with this resolution. That would demonstrate that this House speaks clearly and stands united against all such

groups that have wrought such division and destruction in our communities.

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That is especially important when we survey the violence perpetrated by the lunatic fringe in Portland; Seattle; San Francisco; Oakland; Los Angeles; Chicago; New York City; Washington, D.C.; Louisville, Kentucky; Minneapolis; and even Kenosha, Wisconsin.

It is especially important when the mayors of these cities have withheld police protection from their own citizens, leaving innocent and peaceful shopkeepers and residents to the mercy of mob law and when prosecutors have refused to hold accountable those who have perpetrated this violence upon the American people.

There is precious little time before the election to take a stand clearly and unambiguously against all political violence and with one voice to stand with the rule of law and not with the rule of the mob. If we could speak together on this most important issue, maybe we could start to find our way back to other fundamental principles and institutions that have always united us as a people and made our Nation, in Lincoln's words, the last best hope of mankind on this Earth.

So, please, my Democratic friends, do not squander this fleeting opportunity to turn back from the perilous road we are on and reclaim the precious legacy our forefathers left us.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MALINOWSKI), the sponsor of this legislation and a leader in our caucus.

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is one of the oldest lies in the world. A blood libel. It always goes something like this: that there is a powerful, secret group of people who just happen—many of them—to be Jewish, and they are trying to control the world, and, for good measure, kidnapping our children.

This is the central conspiracy theory that QAnon promotes today. And it sounds crazy—so crazy that sometimes we don't take it seriously enough. But throughout history, conspiracy theories, just like this one, have fueled prejudice, terrorism, even genocide.

And today, social media is fanning the flames. Their algorithms know everything about us: what we search for online, our biases, and they feed us more and more extreme versions of what they think we want so that we stay glued to our screens and see more ads and buy more stuff.

That, above all, is what is causing so many of our fellow Americans to fear and hate one another. And while many extremist groups on the left and the right are recruiting followers online, nothing today matches the scale of QAnon. Nothing comes close.

On Facebook alone, QAnon pages and groups have had up to 3 million mem-

bers there. There have been days this year when the most widely shared social media messages in the country are those promoted by QAnon.

The physical threat is also real. The FBI, as we have heard, says that political conspiracy theories like QAnon increasingly motivate domestic extremists to commit violence.

The Combating Terrorism Center at West Point says, QAnon “has demonstrated its capacity to radicalize to violence individuals at an alarming speed.” And QAnon adherents have, in fact, committed numerous criminal and violent acts in the last 2 years.

I think the greater threat is to our social fabric. QAnon is like a pill that immunizes you against objective reality, which millions of our fellow Americans are taking. It destroys trust in government, in Democratic institutions, in science, and in facts.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution we will pass today categorically condemns QAnon. It has an equal number of Republican and Democratic cosponsors, and I would thank them: Representatives RIGGLEMAN, KINZINGER, FITZPATRICK, GOTTHEIMER and LURIA. Our goal is a fully bipartisan repudiation of this incredibly dangerous phenomenon.

Extremist movements gain validation from the belief that they are making inroads into the mainstream. So it is important to make clear we are unified against them, both parties, no hedging, no winks and nods.

Now, there is just one more point I would make today, and that is, when we vote for this resolution today—and I am confident we will all vote for it—we need to mean it.

And here is the only reference that I will make to partisan differences. It is an objective fact that this particular group of extremists today identifies with the right. There are a lot of them. And right now, even as we vote to condemn QAnon, there are political operatives out there putting out vile attacks that deliberately play to the paranoid fears QAnon promotes.

Some people may rationalize this by pretending, Oh, QAnon, it is not that bad. These folks are just against sex trafficking, which is a real threat. Or they are just against the deep state, and hey, so is President Trump. Some might say there are crazy groups on the left, too, and that is absolutely true. And this resolution condemns them all.

But you know what? When I criticize antifa, as I have, I don't get half-a-dozen death threats in a day. Only one of these things—for now at least—is considered an active terrorist threat by the FBI. Only one is a political force. Only one is winning elections.

Remember what QAnon is: It is an anti-Semitic, conspiracy-mongering cult that the FBI considers a potential terrorist threat, and it has real growing political power.

So if you vote against fire today, please don't play with fire tomorrow.

Don't be righteous here today and then go QAnon-lite on the campaign trail. Don't do or say anything to fan the flames further.

Mr. Speaker, America desperately needs to come together. Conspiracy theories are tearing us apart. Let us pass this resolution and do it overwhelmingly and with true conviction so that we can say clearly, we have all had enough.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. RIGGLEMEN), a cosponsor of this resolution.

Mr. RIGGLEMEN. Mr. Speaker, before I begin today, I extend my best wishes to President Trump and Melania. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they battle COVID-19.

I also thank TOM MALINOWSKI for the amazing discussions that we have had going forward on this resolution. He is an amazing person to work with, and I thank him—and everyone else—for their work.

Mr. Speaker, I do rise today at a pivotal moment in our Nation's history and a moment of reckoning for our national discourse. The vitriol and anger spewing from both sides of the political aisle, echoing across the darkest corners and caverns of the internet has led to violence and hate, divisiveness and anger.

It has all but extinguished the light of reasonable political discourse in this great country called by so many, a "City on the Hill." But we cannot continue to be this beacon of hope that we have been for so long if we can't address the issues holding us back, the webs that have ensnared us and the mistrust that has invaded our politics. The resolution before us today is not a panacea but it asks us a question about our purpose here in this august body: Will we stand up and condemn a dangerous, dehumanizing and convoluted conspiracy theory that the FBI has assessed with high confidence as very likely to motivate some domestic extremist, wholly or in part, to engage in criminal or violent activity?

When my friend and colleague, Representative MALINOWSKI, and I introduced a resolution condemning the QAnon conspiracy theory, we knew that we could draw the ire of those that believe in fantastical theories. We were condemning something that is a danger to our political discourse.

QAnon believers have accused me of running a pedophilia ring for Israel, being a member of the Zionist Organizational Government, been called a traitor—accompanied by a picture of the gallows—and stated I was part of a target list. The grotesque nature of the tweets and Instagram posts, and the anti-Semitic tripe spewed by QAnon adherents should cause concern for everyone. Obviously, this is all ridiculous, much like their theory.

But the death threats TOM MALINOWSKI received were a surprise and a shock. This type of behavior is easily condemned—condemned by all of us here in this Chamber today. Putting aside the bizarre views of QAnon adherents, I call on this body to condemn them because of their actions, actions that include threatening the life of my friend, TOM MALINOWSKI. Plotting to plant a bomb in the Illinois Capitol rotunda to make Americans aware of the pizzagate conspiracy theory; the murder of a man in New York in 2019, and other such activities.

QAnon and the conspiracy theories it promotes are a danger and a threat that has no place in our country's politics. I condemn this movement and urge all my fellow Members to join me in taking this step to exclude them and other extreme conspiracy theories from the national discourse.

We talk about the First Amendment all the time. It is absolutely appropriate for the Members of this body to use the First Amendment to call out those that are using their First Amendment gift as United States citizens to attack other individuals.

This Nation has passed through stronger storms than this in the past, and we will come out stronger still. But it takes leadership from the top to stand up against extreme ideas like QAnon.

I call on this House to do that today. Support this resolution. Pass it. I agree with my friend and colleague, TOM MALINOWSKI, that we should not be playing with fire. I have been in the intelligence business. I know the power of information operations and false information. Again, let's pass this resolution.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE).

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, one of the stages of deprogramming cult members is to point out the differences between the cult's ideology and reality. And QAnon is a cult. In an effort to reach some of the people that have fallen under its control, I would point out a few facts.

Mass shootings are not staged so that the government can come and take away your guns.

John F. Kennedy, Jr., died more than 20 years ago in a tragic aircraft accident. He is not in hiding, nor is he going to be President Trump's running mate.

And President Trump is not fighting a secret war against a Satanic, child-molesting network of politicians.

It is a sad statement that discussing such obvious absurdities is occurring in this Chamber today, but the fact is, that some have praised QAnon and encouraged the growth of this cult, even as the FBI has labeled it a domestic terror threat.

And sadly, with the support of the White House, and even some Members of Congress, QAnon has moved from the darkest corners of the internet into the mainstream of today's political discourse.

This November, there will be 22 individuals on the ballot for the House and the Senate who have either been endorsed by or lent credence to QAnon. This is a threat to public safety and to our democracy as a whole. This movement needs to be condemned and its followers need to be brought back to reality, just as we would do with any other cult.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congressman MALINOWSKI, for his leadership on this resolution, for the hard work he did to make certain that the condemnation of this dangerous cult is bipartisan. And I hope all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will support this resolution so we can send a message clearly and strongly to the American people that this cult is dangerous for our public discourse, dangerous for our democracy, and dangerous for our communities.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY), my good friend and colleague.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1154 and call on all of my colleagues to denounce the dangerous QAnon conspiracy theories.

Mr. Speaker, QAnon is a new front in an old war and relies on anti-Semitic tropes in order to spread the message. QAnon followers actually believe that the world is controlled by a secret cabal of child abusers, who will drink the blood of their victims. The FBI has linked the group to domestic terror and considers it a continuing terrorist threat.

Mr. Speaker, I thank TOM MALINOWSKI for leading this. The kind of messages that he is getting—very, very frightening. And I also thank DENVER RIGGLEMEN and all of the bipartisan sponsors of this legislation.

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Just last week, my subcommittee held a hearing on how social media mainstreams extremism. When we heard from our witnesses, it was really terrifying.

QAnon and other extremist groups have thrived for years on the internet, recruiting members, promoting racism, dividing our communities, and plotting actions of violence.

As people have suffered, Big Tech has prospered and profited. Algorithms that amplify profits for platforms like Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter also amplify extremism.

This week, Facebook announced a ban on ads that support QAnon. Good, but it is far too little and far too late. Facebook users who are in QAnon-associated groups will still be able to see extremist content, just further down in their news feeds.

Moreover, Facebook groups promoting anti-Semitism have grown by 27 percent in the past week.

Congress needs to denounce right now this kind of hate rhetoric, and Big Tech must be held accountable for profiting on this hate.

Before I close, I would like to also state my support for H. Res. 1153 and thank PRAMILA JAYAPAL for leading the effort and Speaker PELOSI and Majority Leader HOYER for their help on this resolution as well.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PHILLIPS).

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge a “yes” vote, a unanimous “yes” vote, on Mr. MALINOWSKI’s resolution. Quite frankly, I cannot believe that I have to stand on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to issue these remarks.

Every one of us here swore the very same oath to defend our Nation from enemies, both foreign and domestic. QAnon is a dangerous enemy, a dangerous enemy lurking right within our borders that must be forcefully and, again, unanimously condemned.

What they propagate is not real. Their baseless conspiracy theories, lies, and fearmongering are creating something, however, that is very real. And that is division; it is hate; and if left unaddressed, violence against fellow Americans.

Just this week alone, my dear friend, Representative MALINOWSKI, has received numerous death threats for simply condemning QAnon. Representative SPANBERGER, a former CIA officer, has been labeled a terrorist. And how could we forget Representatives SCALISE and GIFFORDS both being shot during the last number of years by deranged people?

Every one of you here knows the very lives of our colleagues are now at risk. So who is going to speak against it? Has hate really become a partisan issue? Is reality really up for debate?

I applaud my friend, my dear friend, Representative RIGGLEMAN, who has spoken very forcefully and immediately against QAnon. I know others are following suit. But those who don’t, for those who do not, what reason could you possibly have to remain silent?

My friends, we are all Americans, every single one of us. And Americans are looking to us right now to model principled, thoughtful, decent leadership at this increasingly fragile time in our history. And history shall be our judge.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOULTON).

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, in response to September 11, President Bush and this Congress sent soldiers and Marines, like me, across the ocean to fight against extremism. The terrorists that we fought against used violence to advance their political agendas and viewed lawmakers here as their enemies.

QAnon, the proud boys, the boogaloo boys, and other extremist groups think and operate in similar ways.

But in this case, Americans do not have the luxury of looking across the ocean at this threat and just hoping and praying that it doesn’t come home.

Members of these groups are American. Politicians have unforgivably embraced them. Social media platforms legitimize them to an unwitting public.

Well, I have had enough.

QAnon followers like to say, in their vague, ominous ramblings, that no one can stop what is coming. That is wrong. We can, and we will.

Do not let the unforgivable mainstream support for these groups raise doubts about our Nation’s resolve in this fight against extremism, that we will stop what is coming, and then we will build a safer, stronger America.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE), a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, thank you to the gentlewoman who is managing this resolution, and thank you very much to Mr. MALINOWSKI for bringing us together.

I think I started out earlier this morning by saying the Nation is better than this. It is not because people do not have the right to espouse views that I may disagree with. But not when those views become detrimental to innocent Americans; when those views take the very hostile and historically violent form of anti-Semitism; when they begin to attack and marginalize groups; when they evidence themselves as we saw—although not claiming to be part of QAnon—that scene in Charlottesville, with tiki torches, saying that part of the Nation did not belong here, in essence threatening people of color, Jewish people.

I believe this resolution is crucial. It is crucial because it is dangerous to remain silent. As we have looked at QAnon, it is attempting to speak of fringe beliefs that can be enormously dangerous. It can actually motivate domestic extremists, which may result in harm to innocent persons.

The FBI has made an assessment, with high confidence, that the fringe political conspiracy theories, including QAnon, are motivating domestic extremists, and where QAnon adherents have been implicated in one particular case of a man arrested in 2018 for plotting to plant a bomb in the Illinois Capitol rotunda to make Americans aware of pizzagate.

I think we are also aware of, during the last Presidential election, someone driving and rushing to a restaurant in Washington, D.C., and going in the basement, suggesting that pedophiles and the then-Presidential candidate were involved in it.

These are dangerous positions. They are not just that I disagree because a philosophy is different from SHEILA JACKSON LEE. It is that we must not be silent, for there have been atrocities perpetrated around the world historically because people remained silent. The atrocities in Germany come to

mind; we remained silent. Or the genocide in Sudan; we remained silent.

So this resolution is crucial. It is as crucial as the work we will do in addressing the sin, the original sin, of this Nation, and that was slavery.

But I rise today to support H. Res. 1154 that condemns QAnon and rejects conspiracy theories. I ask my colleagues to support this. And I thank the author of this legislation for his courage and leadership.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time. I will close as I began.

Extremist groups on the right and the left that advocate violence as a method of achieving political goals threaten the very foundations of our democracy, and I fully support this resolution in its denunciation of one such group called QAnon.

But the American people can see with their own eyes where the violence on our streets is coming from, and I deeply regret that the majority is not willing to call out by name such groups as antifa or to acknowledge that such evil forces even exist. We must speak out together against all such groups, and I am deeply troubled that, for some reason, we cannot.

We need to know who is funding these groups. We can already see with our own eyes who is encouraging them.

We can see with our own eyes whose mayors have deliberately withheld police protection from their citizens as these extremist-driven mobs run rampant in our communities.

We can see with our own eyes those politicians calling for defunding police departments that are the only means of defense that our citizens have.

We can see with our own eyes those prosecutors who have refused to hold accountable those who perpetrate violence in our communities and who instead prosecute citizens who are desperately trying to defend themselves.

So, I am pleased to support this resolution, but it is no substitute for a clear and unambiguous stand against all political extremism and violence that this House, for some reason, refuses to take.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time. Let me start by thanking Mr. MALINOWSKI and Mr. RIGGLEMAN for this bipartisan resolution, such an important statement. And I do hope all of my colleagues in this Chamber vote for the resolution. I am troubled that some might try to take this bipartisan resolution and introduce other aspects that include calling out cities like mine, the city of Seattle, and other baseless comments.

But the most important thing is to return to the context of this resolution. The context is that it is sad that, in the year 2020, a baseless, anti-Semitic conspiracy theory has infected

the political discourse of our great democracy.

This body should not be giving such an unhinged internet hoax the time of day. Frankly, it is sad that in the past few weeks, the House has had to pass several resolutions, including a resolution calling for a peaceful transfer of power after this year's Presidential election, to publicly reinforce democratic customs and norms that until recently were beyond question. But circumstances, yet again, require this body to make a statement.

Through social media, this internet hoax has become so widespread that it has inspired threats and even acts of violence across the country, including against our Members on both sides of the aisle. Unfortunately, rather than condemn this hoax, rhetoric that comes from the White House has instead given comfort to QAnon followers and credence to their belief in fabricated and fantastical theories.

Under these circumstances, it is so good to be doing a bipartisan resolution in this House. It is imperative that the House of Representatives make it clear to the American people that QAnon is a hoax and that we absolutely and completely condemn the violence perpetrated by its adherence.

I urge my colleagues to vote “yes,” and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Committees on the Judiciary and on Homeland Security, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1154, a resolution condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes.

QAnon is a movement promoting a collection of unfounded conspiracy theories that have spread widely on the internet since 2017.

Whereas, throughout history, conspiracy theories that falsely blame secret cabals or marginalized groups for society's ills have fueled prejudice, genocide, and acts of terrorism.

QAnon first gained notoriety with its unfounded, outrageous, and bizarre conspiracy theory alleging that prominent Americans are engaged in a secret plot to control the world, while using their power to exploit children.

QAnon has gone on to embrace virtually every popular conspiracy theory of the last several decades, from questioning the truth about the September 11th terrorist attacks, to believing in alien landings, to denying the safety of vaccines.

Many QAnon followers express anti-Semitic views, and the Anti-Defamation League has said that the movement's central conspiracy theory includes anti-Semitic elements;

Mr. Speaker, history records that conspiracy theories have been a central driver of anti-Semitism for centuries, and QAnon conspiracy theories are fanning the flames as anti-Semitism is on the rise in the United States and around the world.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has assessed with high confidence that “fringe political conspiracy theories”, including QAnon, “very likely motivate some domestic extremists, wholly or in part, to engage in criminal or violent activity”, and that these conspiracy theories “very likely encourage the

targeting of specific people, places and organizations, thereby increasing the likelihood of violence against these targets.”

This assessment is supported by an alarming number of “events in which individuals committed crimes, plotted attacks, or successfully carried out deadly violence, and who—either before or after their arrests—attributed their actions to their conspiratorial beliefs.”

For example, QAnon adherents have been implicated in crimes that they claim their QAnon beliefs inspired, including—

1. A man arrested in 2018 for plotting to plant a bomb in the Illinois Capitol rotunda to make Americans aware of the “Pizzagate” conspiracy theory;

2. A man arrested in 2018 for using an armored car to block traffic on the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge;

3. A man in Arizona arrested in 2019 for vandalizing a Catholic church; and

4. A woman arrested in New York with a car full of knives after posting a video accusing Joe Biden of participating in child sex trafficking and threatening to kill him.

According to the Combating Terrorism Center at the United States Military Academy at West Point, “QAnon is arguably no longer simply a fringe conspiracy theory but an ideology that has demonstrated its capacity to radicalize to violence individuals at an alarming speed.”

The conspiracy theories promoted by QAnon undermine trust in America's democratic institutions, encourage rejection of objective reality, and further deepen our Nation's political polarization.

It is therefore timely and appropriate that the People's House support this resolution, which puts it on record clearly condemning QAnon and rejecting the false conspiracy theories it promotes and spread.

In the highly charged political climate we find ourselves in it is also appropriate that this body condemns any and all other groups and ideologies, from the far left to the far right, that contribute to the spread of unfounded conspiracy theories or that encourage Americans to destroy public and private property and attack lawful authority.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to condemning QAnon and its false and dangerous conspiracy theories, I support the resolution because it calls upon the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as all Federal law enforcement and homeland security agencies, to continue strengthening their focus on preventing violence, threats, harassment, and other criminal activity by extremists motivated by fringe political conspiracy theories and urges all Americans, regardless of our beliefs or partisan affiliation, to seek information from authoritative sources and to engage in political debate from a common factual foundation.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1164, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

CONDEMNING UNWANTED, UNNECESSARY MEDICAL PROCEDURES ON INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT THEIR FULL, INFORMED CONSENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 1153) condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 232, nays 157, answered “present” 4, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 217]

YEAS—232

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Beyer	Foster	Luria
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Bonamici	Gallego	Carolyn B.
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Brindisi	Garcia (TX)	McAdams
Brownley (CA)	Golden	McBath
Bustos	Gomez	McCaul
Butterfield	Gonzalez (TX)	McCollum
Carbajal	Gottheimer	McEachin
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Carson (IN)	Grijalva	McNerney
Cartwright	Haaland	Meeks
Case	Harder (CA)	Meng
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Castor (FL)	Hayes	Morelle
Castro (TX)	Heck	Moulton
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Clarke (NY)	Houlahan	Neal
Clay	Hoyer	Neguse
Cleaver	Hudson	Norcross
Clyburn	Huffman	O'Halleran
Cohen	Hurd (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez
Connolly	Jackson Lee	Omar
Cooper	Jayapal	Pallone
Correa	Jeffries	Panetta
Costa	Johnson (GA)	Pappas
Courtney	Johnson (TX)	Pascarell
Cox (CA)	Kaptur	Payne
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Crist	Keating	Peters
Crow	Kelly (IL)	Phillips
Cuellar	Kennedy	Pingree
Cunningham	Khanna	Pocan
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Davis (CA)	Kilmer	Pressley
Davis, Danny K.	Kim	Price (NC)
Dean	Kind	Quigley
DeFazio	Kirkpatrick	Raskin
DeGette	Krishnamoorthi	Rice (NY)
DeLauro	Kuster (NH)	Richmond
DeBene	Lamb	Rose (NY)
Delgado	Langevin	Rouda
Demings	Larsen (WA)	Roybal-Allard
DeSaulnier	Larson (CT)	Ruiz
Dingell	Lawrence	Ruppersberger
Doggett	Lawson (FL)	Rush
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