

ago—an organization that counts the majority of House Republicans, including their leadership, as members. So Republicans cannot hide from this.

Republicans know that their views are dangerously out of step with the public. Here in Congress, Republicans have claimed to support access to IVF and paid lip service to supporting women's access to reproductive services. But Americans know actions speak louder than words. Not 1 month ago, Senate Republicans blocked legislation to preserve IVF, and Speaker JOHNSON has publicly opposed Federal action protecting it.

So Republicans and Donald Trump can try to hide their anti-abortion records all they want, but the American people will see right through it today, tomorrow, and in November.

UKRAINE

Now, Mr. President, on Ukraine, 775 days since Vladimir Putin began his illegal invasion, the war in Ukraine now stands at a bitter and decisive stalemate. Russian forces today control about 20 percent of Ukrainian territory. As one recent headline from the Washington Post put it, "With no way out of a worsening war, Zelensky's options look bad or worse."

Now, let's be very clear about one thing: The tide of the war is shifting against Ukrainians not because they are giving up, not because they aren't brave enough, or because they are somehow inferior to Russian soldiers. They are not; they are superior. No. Ukraine is losing ground on the war because it is running out of the tools it needs to wage war to begin with. Ukrainians are low on ammo, on soldiers, on weapons, on anti-aircraft defenses.

And let's be blunt: The biggest reason Ukraine is losing the war is because, here in the U.S. Congress, the hard right has paralyzed the U.S. House of Representatives from taking necessary action. That is it, plain and simple—no ifs, ands, or buts.

It has now been 56 days since the Senate passed a national security supplemental package with robust military aid to help Ukraine. It passed with just about every Democrat and close to a majority of Republicans voting for it. This package could mean the difference between victory and defeat for Ukrainian fighters. In fact, President Zelenskyy himself said as much when he spoke to the Senate in December.

But sadly, alarmingly, tragically, Speaker JOHNSON has sat on his hands for nearly 2 months now as the supplemental package collects dust in the House.

House Republicans have refused to move because an increasingly vocal pro-Russian, pro-Putin minority seems to be running the show within their ranks—a contingent that takes its marching orders directly from Donald Trump. As one former House GOP Member called them, they are like the "Putin wing" of the Republican Party.

The Republican chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee re-

cently said in an interview that Russian propaganda has now "infected a good chunk of my party's base." That is a Republican talking about what has happened to the base—the hard-right base of his party.

Even the Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee admits that some within his own party are becoming evangelists of Russian propaganda. As he said just a few days ago, "We see directly coming from Russia attempts to mask communications that are anti-Ukraine and pro-Russia messages, some of which we even hear being uttered on the House floor."

That is what the Republican chair of the House Intelligence Committee said: We are hearing pro-Russian messages being uttered on the House floor.

Ronald Reagan is rolling in his grave. Speaker JOHNSON has to decide for himself whether or not he will do the right thing for Ukraine and for America or if he will allow MAGA Republicans and the Putin wing of the Republican Party to hand Vladimir Putin the victory he seeks.

History, Speaker JOHNSON, is watching. History is looking right over your shoulder. Do the right thing.

STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Mr. President, on student debt, this week, President Biden announced a new executive action to relieve the burden of student debt for another 30 million Americans—30 million Americans—a little less than 1 out of 10 of our population. When you count their families and spouses, it is even more. The President's new student debt plan is great news for everyone, particularly for borrowers in communities of color, who are disproportionately impacted by the student debt crisis.

For too long—far too long—the burden of student debt has held borrowers of color back from reaching the middle class and beyond. President Biden's plan will deliver much needed relief for these borrowers and many more and give them all the chance at achieving the American dream.

Democrats will continue to do everything in our power to lower costs and make college more affordable for everybody.

CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT

Now, Mr. President, on CHIPS—the chip program—last week, Americans learned that the economy added a whopping 300,000 jobs in the month of March, blowing past most expectations and proving, yet again, that under Biden and Democrats, the economy is on the right track. Our economy has now added a record 15 million new jobs—15 million new jobs since President Biden took office—the greatest turnaround of any President in all of our history. Last year alone, the economy created more jobs than in any year of the Trump administration.

Across the country, manufacturing and job creation is surging. Just yesterday, the President and Secretary Raimondo announced a preliminary deal with the TSMC Arizona company

to provide billions in Chips and Science incentives that will support over \$65 billion in private investment to build three leading-edge chip fabs in Arizona.

So let the good news ring from coast to coast: The Chips and Science Act, which I worked hard on to pass here in the Senate, along with Senator YOUNG—bipartisan—is delivering on its promise to create jobs, increase innovation, bring manufacturing back to America, and revive forgotten corners of the country.

Just like the announcements of GlobalFoundries, Intel, and others, this week's announcement means new jobs and new economic activity are on their way. And there is yet more to come with further investments in projects like Micron's proposed \$100 billion project in Upstate New York.

With the Chips and Science Act—along with the infrastructure law, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the American Rescue Plan—we Democrats made historic investments in American manufacturing and workers, and it is now clear—very clear—that these investments are paying off even more largely than most people thought.

So while House Republicans spend a lot of energy attacking women's choice, calling for cuts to Social Security, and raising the retirement age, Democrats are proud of what we have done. We have created jobs; we have lowered costs, and we are bringing manufacturing—good manufacturing, good-paying jobs—back to our shores.

So thank you to my colleagues who worked with me on Chips and Science, including Senators KELLY, BROWN, CANTWELL, WYDEN, WARNER, and many more. There is a lot of work to do. The economy still needs help, and we can't let up. But America is certainly headed in the right direction.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Republican leader is recognized.

ISRAEL

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, while the Senate was away from Washington, we received some sobering reminders about the challenges facing America and our friends in a dangerous world and about how to meet them.

In Gaza, innocent people continue to suffer with the cowardice and hateful violence of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Just last week, as Israel continued the difficult, necessary, and existential work of eliminating the terrorist threat, the tragic consequences of this war were brought once again into focus. The misidentification that led to

the deaths of seven aid workers in an IDF strike was a gut-wrenching reminder that even when a sovereign nation exercises the utmost restraint in the face of enemies to use violence as a first resort, even as our ally Israel takes great pains to minimize casualties among the innocent civilians who its enemies exploit at every turn, war is still hell. And for people in Gaza over the past 17 years since Hamas seized control, life has been its own sort of hell as well.

For years, the supposed authorities in the enclave have spent their time burrowing under the homes and mosques of innocent families and the schools of innocent children. They have used concrete and building supplies intended for civilians to build military bunkers instead. They have brazenly stolen the humanitarian aid their civilian subjects depend on. They have thrown Palestinians loyal to the political rivals off of buildings, and they have continually traded innocent lives for one more day to wage a war on Israel.

Iran's terrorist proxies in Gaza are responsible for the horrors of this war. Their hatred for Jews—and refusal to acknowledge the existence of the Jewish State of Israel—is the reason for this pain and suffering of the last 6 months.

America cannot afford to lose moral clarity about the conflict. But I am afraid that too many of our leaders are. President Biden expressed outrage at last week's deadly accident—an event his own administration acknowledges was a tragic accident—which begs the question of whether he is also outraged at the way Israel's terrorist aggressors violate international law by turning hospitals and schools into fighting positions.

Instead of welcoming Israel's swift investigation and efforts to hold personnel accountable for their mistakes—accountability that has been sorely lacking during President Biden's own administration—the President caved further to domestic political pressure.

He indulged his radical base and called for an immediate cease-fire. He embraced an alternate reality in which cease-fire wasn't exactly the state of play that Hamas exploited on October 7. A fantasy world in which leaving Hamas intact doesn't lead to further terrorism against Israelis and Palestinians alike. Unfortunately, the Democratic party has become unmoored from a long tradition of bipartisan support for Israel.

According to one headline this week:

Democrats fear Netanyahu may have undermined Biden's image among voters.

Apparently, the leftwing activists who can't seem to distinguish between terrorism and self-defense aren't just calling the shots at the White House but also on the President's reelection campaign. They don't seem to care that it isn't just a sovereign ally's leader they disagree with, but the over-

whelming majority of Israeli public who believe Hamas must be defeated.

Meanwhile, President Biden is reportedly taking a cue from the odious Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and considering labeling goods from Israel's settlement communities in order to ramp up the pressure on the Israeli Government.

Of course, this sounds like child's play alongside the claim of one of our own Senate colleagues made just yesterday, that on legal grounds, Israel's campaign against Hamas is genocide.

What on earth should other friends of America think when they see the way we treat allies under attack? How should they square the Biden administration's pledge to support Ukraine's defense "as long as it takes" with support for Israel that is, apparently, as soft as the will of the most radical elements of the Democratic Party?

This cannot be the message America sends to the world. Leadership means standing up for America's interests—from the Indo-Pacific to Europe to the Middle East—even when the most active members of one's political base aren't willing to.

Right now, Congress has an opportunity to model this obligation for a President who clearly doesn't understand it. The House has an opportunity to pass the national security supplemental, and America has an opportunity to show our allies and partners that they can count on our support and show our adversaries that they can count on our relentless intention.

NOMINATION OF ADEEL ABDULLAH MANGI

Mr. President, now on another matter, I have spoken repeatedly about Adeel Mangi, the nominee to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals: both his shocking ties to anti-police and anti-Israel radicals and Democrats' increasingly frantic efforts to whitewash them.

Nineteen different law enforcement groups have written in opposition to this nominee. As the senior Senator from Nevada noted:

Mr. Mangi's affiliation with the Alliance of Families for Justice is deeply concerning. This organization has . . . advocated for the release of individuals convicted of killing police officers.

No wonder law enforcement is aggravated.

But rather than confronting this blue wall of opposition honestly, some of our Democratic colleagues have taken to weaving conspiracy theories.

The junior Senator from Rhode Island came to the floor recently to explain that this is all part of a vast scheme orchestrated by a lawyer named Leonard Leo. Apparently, Mr. Leo not only controls police unions from Hawaii to New York, but his reach is so insidious that the Zionist Organization of America is apparently taking orders from a Roman Catholic. With shadowy influence like that, it is no wonder my friend from Rhode Island is terrified of Mr. Leo. Perhaps we should cut to the chase and ask Mr.

Leo who killed JFK or where he has been hiding Elvis all these years.

Well, there is one thing even my friend from Rhode Island would have to admit that Mr. Leo does not control, and that is Adeel Mangi's Senate judiciary questionnaire. To see Mr. Mangi's radical associations, one must look no further than that document. They are right there on the page.

Of course, both in his questionnaire and in his hearing, Mr. Mangi hid the full extent of his relationship with the anti-Semitic director of the terror-endorsing Rutgers center. He also hid the full extent of his paid work for causes Democrats find truly odious, like pharmaceutical innovation and fossil fuel consumption.

If there is any covert operation at work here, it is Mr. Mangi's, and our Democratic colleagues would be wise to figure out what else he is hiding. Indeed, the situation for this nomination has become so dire that Mr. Mangi took the almost unprecedented step of writing to the junior Senator from New Jersey to disclaim any real knowledge of an organization on whose advisory board he sits. Mr. Mangi tried to justify his association with cop-killing domestic terrorists by claiming ignorance of the full extent of AFJ's radicalism. It is the same see-no-evil excuse he attempted for his moral and financial support for the anti-Semitic center at Rutgers. Is this the defense of an aspiring appellate judge—that he was ignorant and careless?

My colleague from Rhode Island says Mr. Mangi is "as well trained and intelligent as any candidate who has ever come before the Judiciary Committee." My legal training is well behind me, but I am quite sure that it included basic due diligence. He may have "the dignity and decorum of an Oxford don," but an Oxford don knows to check his sources.

There are only two explanations: Either Mr. Mangi is so careless that he repeatedly neglected to conduct the simplest due diligence before joining advisory boards of radical groups or he joined these groups intentionally. Either one makes him unfit for this lifetime appointment.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MAYORKAS IMPEACHMENT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, tomorrow afternoon, the House of Representatives will transmit Articles of Impeachment against Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas to the U.S. Senate. And the Democrat leader? Well, by all accounts, the Democrat leader will move to sweep the articles and the border security crisis that they represent