

# [***FACT CHECK: No, AOC Did Not Say 'The Moon Is More Important Than The Sun'***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BY3-GSK1-DXXD-73T7-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A post [*shared on social media*](https://www.facebook.com/groups/219072197013585/permalink/754171636836969/)purports New York Democrat Rep Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez claimed “the moon is more important than the sun.”

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**Verdict: False**

The claim is inaccurate.

**Fact Check:**

Cortez has recently spoken out against the New York City Mayor and the President of Columbia University for their response to the pro-Palestine protests on campus,  [*The Independent*](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/aoc-columbia-protests-nypd-mayor-nightmare-b2537694.html) reported. She called it a “nightmare in the making” and stated that any injuries sustained would be their fault.

A post shared on Facebook, alleges that Cortez claimed “the moon is more important than the sun.” The post shared a photo of Ocasio-Cortez with a confused look on her face and text above and below.

The post reads, “The moon is more important than the sun as the moon gives us light at night when it's dark out. The sun only gives light during the day when it is already light out.”

The claim is inaccurate. There is no record of this claim on any of Cortez's [*social*](https://twitter.com/aoc?lang=en) [*media*](https://twitter.com/RepAOC?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor) [*accounts*](https://www.instagram.com/aoc/?hl=en). There is also no mention of the claim in her [*press releases*](https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/media/press-releases).

The claim appears to have stemmed from a year old [*subreddit*](https://www.reddit.com/r/Showerthoughts/comments/10tcrqz/the_moon_is_actually_more_useful_than_the_sun/?rdt=44944). The post has since been deleted, but remains in an archive. A similar claim was attributed to [*Lauren Boebert*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/01/15/fact-check-no-lauren-boebert-did-not-say-the-moon-is-more-useful-than-the-sun/) as well, that too was debunked previously by Check Your Fact.  [***(RELATED: Video Claims To Show Palestinian Flags On Egyptian Pyramid)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/26/fact-check-video-palestinian-flags-egyptian-pyramid/)

This is not the first time misinformation has been shared online. Check Your Fact [*debunked*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/29/fact-check-new-york-times-caricature-indian-pm/) a claim that the New York Times published a caricature of the Indian PM.

**Graphic**

AOC Phone 2/YouTube screenshot

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