

# [***James Carville Curses Young Voters in Viral Video***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BX7-NS31-DY68-13P3-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** Carville said issues that appeal to younger voters like abortion and housing affordability are often overlooked by Democrats.

**Body**

Political strategist James Carville has gone viral on social media after cursing young voters over their perceived lack of enthusiasm for incumbent President [*Joe Biden*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/joe-biden?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships).

"[If [*Donald Trump*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/donald-trump?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) wins] There will be no government left, there will be no rights left, you will live under theocracy, you'll end up with Christian Nationalism. But that's all right you little [expletive] 26-year-old, you don't feel like the election is important,' Carville said during a 12-minute video posted to the *Politicon* YouTube channel.

On Monday morning, the excerpt about young voters was posted on X, formerly [*Twitter*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/twitter?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), and criticized by a host of conservative social media accounts.

Eric Abbenante, a conservative comedian, filmmaker and documentarian, posted a clip of the video to his X account Sunday night. By 10:30 a.m. Monday morning, the video had been viewed over 230,000 times.

"Excellent outreach to young voters James. The kids love nothing more than being scolded by a lizard person," [*Abbenante wrote.*](https://x.com/EricAbbenante/status/1784749016321765780)

*Newsweek* reached out to Carville, along with the Trump and Biden campaigns, Monday morning via email for further comment.

Biden faces dwindling support among young voters, a crucial voting bloc for [*Democrats*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/democrats?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), ahead of the presidential election, [*according to a March poll*](https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-beats-joe-biden-among-young-voters-1875391?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) that found former President Donald Trump winning voters younger than 30 years old.

In the YouTube video, the Louisiana Democrat also takes aim at the conservative justices on the [*Supreme Court*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/supreme-court?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships). In addition to emphasizing the importance of voting, he also highlights a recent Harvard Youth Poll, which shows that younger Americans are far more likely to prioritize [*bread-and-butter economic issues*](https://www.newsweek.com/harvard-youth-poll-young-voters-israel-gaza-hamas-war-inflation-economy-1894352?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) over causes like climate change and the Israel-Gaza conflict this election year.

Carville said issues like abortion, interest rates and housing affordability are often overlooked by the media and by Democratic officials.

"You are being insufficiently served by the commentariat and to some extent insufficiently served by Democratic messaging," he continued. "So my advice to these young people, is to get off your [expletives] and go vote. You should vote like the entire future of the United States depends on it. Because it does. And that's not an exaggeration."

Political commentator Brian Krassenstein took aim at Carville's approach [*in a post on X.*](https://x.com/krassenstein/status/1784947926260703377)

"Ok, so, I despise Trump. I think he would be a disaster for this country, but this is too extreme. Trump was already president and the institutions held. We didn't slip into a theocracy, we didn't lose all our rights, and the government is still here.

"I feel we should be concentrating more on policy proposals than outright scaremongering. Talk about Project 2025, and what that would mean and why that would be bad. Don't sound like a lunatic melting down. That doesn't serve a purpose other than make people think that everyone on the left is a lunatic."

Carville is known for helping former President [*Bill Clinton*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/bill-clinton?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)'s victory in the 1992 presidential election over incumbent [*George H.W. Bush*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/george-h.w.-bush?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) and Independent challenger Ross Perot.

His YouTube video posted Sunday has over 36,000 views. The *Politicon* channel has 154,000 subscribers. Carville also co-hosts a podcast, ***Politics*** *War Room.*

[*Link to Image*](https://d.newsweek.com/en/full/2385161/james-carville.jpg)

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James Carville

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James Carville speaks onstage during the 2019 Politicon at Music City Center on October 26, 2019 in Nashville, Tennessee.

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