

# [***Stephen King Has NSFW Message for Republicans***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6B95-1HK1-JBR6-900B-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** The author doesn't hold back from sharing his political opinions online, and now he's come for the Republican Party.

**Body**

[*Stephen King is no stranger to talking about* ***politics***](https://www.newsweek.com/stephen-king-not-backing-down-against-donald-trump-1863897?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), and now he has criticized the Republican Party in a message posted to social media.

A number of lawsuits have challenged the matter of [*Donald Trump*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/donald-trump?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)'s candidacy for president. However, the one that [*appeared before the high court this week*](https://www.newsweek.com/legal-analysts-weigh-supreme-court-donald-trump-ballot-case-1868309#:~:text=The%20matter%20of%20Trump's%20candidacy,frontrunner%20in%20the%20Republican%20primaries.?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) had been viewed as the most-viable legal threat to his 2024 aspirations. Trump has denied any wrongdoing and has said the cases are part of a political witch hunt aimed at derailing him as the frontrunner in the Republican primaries.

On Thursday, the U.S. [*Supreme Court*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/supreme-court?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) confronted an unprecedented election case to decide whether Trump is eligible to run for president. The Republican's legal team is seeking to overturn a [*ruling by Colorado's highest court*](https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-rages-colorado-supreme-court-kicking-him-off-ballot-1853962?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) in December that removed him from the state primary ballot.

The ruling was made on the basis that Trump is unable to serve again in the White House because of the Constitution's insurrection clause. The former president says he is not guilty of any wrongdoing regarding the January 6, 2021 riots at the Capitol involving his followers attempting to overturn the election result.

Adding to the chaos that the Republican Party is facing is the fact that [*Ronna McDaniel*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/ronna-mcdaniel?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), the embattled Republican National Committee (RNC) chair, is [*considering stepping down*](https://www.newsweek.com/ronna-mcdaniel-republican-party-chair-stepping-down-resigning-1867560?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) after facing criticism for weeks. She has been criticized for funding issues within the GOP governing body, as well as for the [*Republicans*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/republicans?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) losing multiple elections since 2020.

King joined the [*Democratic Party*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/democratic-party?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) in 1970 and has been an outspoken critic of the GOP for years. On Thursday, he took to X, formerly [*Twitter*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/twitter?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), to share his thoughts on the current state of it. "The Republican party: what a goat-f\*\*\*," [*King wrote*](https://twitter.com/StephenKing/status/1755638734744101361). At the time of writing, his post had over 907,000 views. *Newsweek* contacted King's manager via email and the Republican Party via its website for comment Friday.

The horror author's posts on social media always tend to be divisive, and a debate often takes place in the comment section.

A variety of people disagreed with King, with one person writing: "Still better than the Democratic Party."

"How much does the [*CIA*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/cia?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) pay you to post this?" someone else posted.

A third added: "Stephen King just pushes people away with his divisive profanity. Sad!"

However, others agreed with the novelist. "That's putting it politely my good man!" one X user commented.

"They keep spiraling toward single cell amoebas," added another.

"The first thing Stephen King has ever posted that I agree with," someone else posted.

King isn't the only person who has criticized the Republican Party recently as some of its own members are starting to turn on it.

After losing the Nevada Republican primary, despite frontrunner Trump not being listed on the ballot, ex-[*United Nations*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/united-nations?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) Ambassador [*Nikki Haley*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/nikki-haley?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) s[*lammed the Republican Party as chaotic*](https://www.newsweek.com/nikki-haley-rips-gop-chaos-after-losing-nevada-primary-1867986?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships).

While she was the only serious candidate on the ticket, [*Haley finished in second place*](https://www.newsweek.com/joe-biden-wins-nevada-democratic-primary-1867524?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) on Tuesday night with 31 percent of the vote, losing to "none of these candidates" by more than 30 points, according to Associated Press projections.

In a Wednesday-morning post on X, the former South Carolina governor criticized [*Republicans*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/republicans?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) for a series of blows that occurred shortly before her loss in Nevada.

Haley said that the GOP has "imploded" in the wake of the news that [*Ronna McDaniel*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/ronna-mcdaniel?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) is [*considering stepping down*](https://www.newsweek.com/ronna-mcdaniel-republican-party-chair-stepping-down-resigning-1867560?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships). Haley also took aim at the GOP-led House of Representatives' failure to "pass anything." Just hours before the Nevada race was called, [*Republican efforts to impeach*](https://www.newsweek.com/republicans-turn-their-own-after-mayorkas-impeachment-fail-1867674?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) Homeland Security Secretary [*Alejandro Mayorkas*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/alejandro-mayorkas?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) over the strife at the southern border failed.

"Republicans keep doing the same thing and getting the same result: chaos," [*Haley wrote in the X post*](https://twitter.com/NikkiHaley/status/1755254006371271161). "That's the definition of insanity. This week: RNC imploded. GOP House can't pass ANYTHING. Trump lost another court case & threw another temper tantrum. A vote for Trump is a vote for more chaos."

Another disgruntled party member is Senator [*Josh Hawley*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/josh-hawley?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), a Missouri Republican. He [*slammed GOP leadership as a "total embarrassment"*](https://www.newsweek.com/josh-hawley-republican-leadership-total-embarrassment-1868202?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) after the [*Senate*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/senate?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) failed to pass a bipartisan bill aimed at addressing the U.S.-Mexico border amid a rise in migrant arrivals.

The Senate voted down the bipartisan legislation, which would also have allocated funds to U.S. allies such as Israel, Taiwan, and Ukraine on Wednesday evening by a vote of 49-50. The vote was largely on party lines, with five [*Democrats*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/democrats?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) opposing the bill and four Republicans supporting it. However, the result added to questions about whether [*Congress*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/congress?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) would be able to act on immigration reform and border security amid deep divisions over the issue.

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**Graphic**

Horror author Stephen King

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Stephen King presented with the 2014 National Medal of Arts at The White House on September 10, 2015, in Washington, D.C. and the logo of the Republican National Committee, featuring an elephant, the traditional mascot of the party. King has been critical of the conservative party online.

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