## Liberals Push Conspiracy Theories About Trump Assassination Attempt

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Over the past year, as Trump has taken the lead in the race for the White House—raising millions to unseat Joe Biden—some Democrats have upped their violent rhetoric against the former president. Last November, for example, Democratic Congressman Dan Goldman called for Donald Trump to be "eliminated" during an interview with former Biden press secretary Jen Psaki.

In the aftermath of the attempt to murder the Republican president, as some Democrats, particularly two former presidents, condemned the assassination attempt, other Democrats immediately began delving into conspiracy theories.

Less than two hours after the shooting, a leading Democratic strategist revealed how depraved the left has become and how deranged their obsession with Russia has made them, according to Semafor.

The top political adviser to Democratic mega-donor Reid Hoffman suggested that the attack on Donald Trump could have been "staged," even as Hoffman was criticized for joking before Saturday's attack about Trump becoming a "martyr."

In an email Saturday at 7:34 pm that appeared to be addressed to sympathetic journalists, and which was also sent to Semafor, Mehlhorn wrote that one "possibility — which feels horrific and alien and absurd in America, but is quite common globally — is that this 'shooting' was encouraged and maybe even

staged so Trump could get the photos and benefit from the backlash. This is a classic Russian tactic, such as when Putin killed 300 civilians in 1999 and blamed it on terrorists to ride the backlash to winning power. Others who have embraced this tactic of committing raw evil and then benefitting from the backlash include Hamas on October 7. If any Trump officials encouraged or knew of this attack, that is morally horrific, and Republicans of decency must demand that Trump step down as unfit." The other possibility, Mehlhorn wrote, "is that some crazy anti-Trumper in this chaotic moment decided to assassinate the former President."

Mehlhorn, who co-founded a fund called "Investing in US" with Hoffman, made clear his impulse was toward the false flag theory. "I know I am prone to bias on this, but this is a classic Putin play and given the facts seems more plausible. Look at the actual shot. Look at the staging. Look at how ready Trump is to rally; this pampered baby shit his pants when an eagle lunged at his food. Look at how quickly Trump protects himself at the expense of others, but showed few of those lifelong instincts in this moment. And consider how often Putin and his allies run this play."

Hoffman, a billionaire who has <u>been associated</u> with Jeffrey Epstein, has vowed to "spend as much as I possibly can" to destroy Trump." More recently, the LinkedIn founder claimed he intended to make Trump into a martyr by continuing to fund lawsuits against him. The democratic strategist has <u>claimed</u> that "Reid and I have invested nine figures of our own money to prevent Trump from getting back into office." The theory that the shooting was a set from Donald Trump spread like wildfire across liberals on Twitter.

Melhorn was not the only Democratic staffer to make outrageous statements in the aftermath of the assassination attempt of Donald Trump. A senior member of Bennie Thompson took to social media to lament that the former president did not die from the attack. Jacqueline Marsaw, a worker in Thompson's district office, took to Facebook to say, "I don't condone violence but please get you some shooting lessons so you don't miss next time, ooops that wasn't me talking."

Thompson came to the forefront of Congress as leader of the House January 6 committee created by Democrats to label the former president as a "threat to American democracy."

In April, the Mississippi congressman moved to strip the former president of his Secret Service, using the Democratic lawfare in Manhattan to justify taking

<u>away</u> his security detail that saved his life on Saturday. Thompson has since fired his staffer and condemned the attack against the Republican front runner.

Other, more mainstream liberals outlets also have tried to downplay the assassination attempt of Donald Trump. ABC News, for example, tried to blame Trump for someone shooting him, pointing to January 6, 2021.

CBS News also joined in. As did The New York Times, which <u>ran an op-ed just</u> hours after the former president had been shot in the head and called him a traitor.

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