

Kamala Issues ‘Sickening’ Christmas Sermon to Dem Staffers

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In what was billed as a festive celebration of Democratic accomplishments, Vice President Kamala Harris took the stage at the Democratic National Committee’s holiday gathering in Washington, D.C., her voice filled with characteristic optimism. The decorated hall buzzed with political elites, holiday decorations adorning the walls as party leaders gathered to mark the end of a tumultuous year.

“This holiday season, like any time of the year, let us really be conscious of all the blessings we have,” Harris declared to the assembled crowd, her words echoing through the venue. “Let us celebrate the blessings we have; let us celebrate and advance the blessings we have yet to create.”

If there’s one thing Democratic leadership excels at, it’s celebrating while Rome burns. For many in attendance, the Vice President’s words rang hollow. This highlighted a deepening disconnect between Democratic leadership and their own rank-and-file workers.

The Gift Nobody Wanted

Just weeks earlier, these same Democratic officials had delivered a devastating holiday surprise to numerous DNC staffers: layoffs without severance packages.

In a move that would make even Ebenezer Scrooge think twice, the organization left dedicated employees facing unemployment during the holiday season – a stark contrast to the party’s public stance on workers’ rights.

“We find it very cruel that DNC management is trying to claim that layoffs are just part of the job,” one DNC union member lamented, highlighting the growing internal tensions. The statement laid bare the contradiction between the party’s public championing of worker protections and its private treatment of its own staff.

Rather than addressing these concerns directly, Harris offered what many viewed as tone-deaf platitudes.

“Our spirit will not be defeated,” she declared to a room that included some of the very workers facing unemployment without benefits. One has to wonder if the “spirit” Harris speaks of includes basic employee protections.

Leadership in Crisis

President Joe Biden, following Harris at the podium, seemed equally disconnected from the reality facing his party’s workers. He focused instead on defending his administration’s legacy, claiming the country is in a “resoundingly” better position today than when he entered the White House – a statement that might surprise the newly unemployed DNC staffers in the audience.

The holiday party debacle comes as the Democratic Party faces broader organizational chaos. DNC Chair Jaime Harrison has announced he won’t seek re-election, triggering what observers describe as a scramble for power among potential successors. The leadership vacuum has attracted multiple candidates, including former Maryland governor Martin O’Malley and Wisconsin

Democratic Party chair Ben Wikler. Each of them are vying for control of a party increasingly at odds with its own stated values.

The contrast between the party's public messaging and private actions hasn't gone unnoticed by political observers. While Democratic leaders have consistently advocated for worker protections, including severance packages and fair treatment, their own organization's actions tell a different story. Indeed, the DNC's decision to terminate employees without severance just before the holidays has become a telling symbol of what critics describe as the growing gap between Democratic rhetoric and reality.

Bad Timing Of Layoffs

The party's approximately 450 voting members will gather at National Harbor in Maryland this February to choose new leadership, but for many, the damage to the party's credibility with workers has already been done. The timing of the layoffs – during the holiday season and without severance – has particularly struck a nerve with long-time party supporters.

As Democratic leaders continue to celebrate their “blessings” at holiday gatherings, their laid-off workers face a starkly different reality. The episode serves as a powerful reminder that actions, not words, reveal an organization's true values – a lesson that may well resonate with voters in the months ahead.

For a party that has long positioned itself as the champion of working Americans, the DNC's treatment of its own employees raises serious questions about its commitment to the very principles it claims to defend. As one displaced worker noted, “Losing an election has not absolved the organization of its responsibility to treat its workers with basic dignity.”