

Pundit Roasts Kamala Harris, Says “Weak” Bench Lead to Her Candidacy

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Kamala Harris’s shot at the presidency in 2024 wasn’t just a long shot—it was a dud. Many are now asking: how did someone so unprepared and uncharismatic become the Democratic nominee?

Sure, Joe Biden’s abrupt exit from the race left a void, but filling it with Harris was like patching a sinking ship with duct tape. Her lack of qualifications and failure to connect with voters led to a humiliating defeat at the hands of former President Donald Trump.

Now, political insiders are calling her campaign a disaster. And one pundit explained why Harris was the one picked to fill Biden’s shoes. And it doesn’t make Harris or her party look good at all.

From Daily Caller:

Fox News contributor Tammy Bruce said Tuesday that only a weak “bench” of potential Democratic presidential candidates was keeping Vice President Kamala Harris viable...

“But this is a woman who, because of the weakness of the Democratic bench, she becomes a star. And if the Democratic bench expands, if Democrats vote people in who know what they’re doing and can explain a vision, then the value of someone like Kamala Harris or the appeal of her will wane.”

Tammy Bruce, a Fox News contributor, didn’t hold back. She blames Harris’s rise to the top on a “weak bench” of Democratic contenders. In other words,

Harris wasn't the star; she was the last person standing in a room full of empty chairs. And if this is the best the Democrats have to offer, the party might be in bigger trouble than we thought.

The “Weak Bench” Theory

Tammy Bruce hit the nail on the head: the Democrats are suffering from a talent drought. Bruce told Fox Business's Varney & Co. that Harris only became a “star” because there were no better options. She called it a symptom of the party's failure to cultivate capable leaders. Harris's appeal, Bruce argued, was more about party loyalty and media spin than actual competence. “If Democrats vote people in who know what they're doing,” Bruce said, “then the appeal of someone like Kamala Harris will wane.”

It's a brutal but fair assessment. Harris's career has often defied logic. Her brief presidential run in 2020 was a flop, her approval ratings as vice president were dismal, and yet, here she was, topping the Democratic ticket. Bruce suggested that Harris might have a future in California politics, like running for governor. But that's hardly a consolation prize after losing the presidency.

Campaign Missteps Galore

Harris's 2024 campaign was riddled with blunders. After Biden bowed out in July, Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, kept a low profile.

They dodged interviews and skipped key events, like the Al Smith Dinner, where Harris phoned it in with a cringy video featuring former Saturday Night Live star Molly Shannon. It was a bizarre move for someone trying to win over skeptical voters.

When Harris did show up, it didn't go well. Walz's poor performance in the October vice-presidential debate added fuel to the fire. And then there was the glaring omission: Harris refused to sit down with Joe Rogan. Apparently, her team feared backlash, but skipping the popular podcaster might have cost her dearly with younger, independent voters.

Democrats' Big Problem

Harris's defeat wasn't just about her—it was about the Democratic Party's lack of depth. Bruce pointed out that if Democrats had stronger candidates, Harris wouldn't have been in the spotlight. Instead, she was propped up as a placeholder, and it backfired spectacularly.

Even with her loss, Harris remains the leading Democratic contender for 2028, according to polls from FiveThirtyEight. She's ahead of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and California Governor Gavin Newsom. But given her track record, it's difficult to imagine Democrats rallying behind her again. Bruce summed it up perfectly: Harris is a professional politician who doesn't seem interested in doing anything else. And that's the problem.

What Happens Next?

The Democrats have a lot of soul-searching to do. Harris's failure wasn't an anomaly; it was a symptom of a bigger issue. If the party doesn't find fresh talent and a compelling vision, they'll keep losing ground to Republicans. Meanwhile, Harris's political future looks bleak. Sure, she might run for governor of California, but even that seems like a stretch after her 2024 debacle.

Meanwhile, Trump is returning to the White House, and Republicans are celebrating. Harris's loss was a gift to the GOP, and her campaign will go down as a cautionary tale for both parties.