

Liz Cheney Vows To Do 'Whatever It Takes' To Stop Trump

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*USA:* Liz Cheney wants Americans to 'unite' across party lines to prevent Donald Trump from regaining the White House following her devastating defeat in Wyoming's primary on Tuesday.



Cheney lost to challenger Harriet Hageman, who received 66.3% of the vote vs. Cheney's 28.9%.

## **Wyoming Republican Primary results**



In an early Wednesday statement to *NBC*, **Cheney said she was "thinking about" a 2024 presidential run** – and has launched a new political organization called "The Great Task," a reference to President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

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— Mollie (@MZHemingway) August 17, 2022

"That's a decision that I'm going to make in the coming months," she said, adding "It is something that I'm thinking about."

"I'll make a decision in the coming months." — Rep. Liz Cheney said about possibly running for President. pic.twitter.com/b2SjAYVN2W

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"I have said since Jan. 6 that I will do whatever it takes to ensure Donald Trump is never again anywhere near the Oval Office and I mean it."

In addition to her new PAC, Cheney will have a public forum for her campaign against Trump as vice chair of the committee investigating the former president's role in the Capitol insurrection until she leaves Congress in January. Cheney was a rising Republican star until she stood up to Trump. After she voted to impeach Trump in the aftermath of the attack on the Capitol by a mob of his supporters, the political costs for Cheney's defiance mounted. The Wyoming Republican Party voted to censure her and asked her to resign. Then she was removed as the third-ranking House Republican leader by her colleagues, who accused her of abandoning the party. That culminated in her loss Tuesday to Hageman by a two-to-one margin with half the votes counted. -Bloomberg

As *Bloomberg* also notes, Cheney's loss illustrates how strong Trump's grip is on the Republican party – with just **two of 10 House Republicans** who voted to impeach him following the J6 capitol attack having survived their primaries to make the ballot in November's general election.

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*Update 2020ET:* In a widely expected outcome, former President Donald Trump's highest-profile GOP critic, Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, has been **voted out of Congress**.



Her challenger, Harriet Hageman, was ahead by more than 30% with 13% of the votes counted – enough for *NBC News* to call it for her.



Wyoming Republican Harriet Hageman

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Cheney, the daughter of former vice president Dick Cheney, had been the #3 ranked Republican in the House – easily winning her last election in 2020. Things changed, however, when she became one of 10 Republicans that voted to impeach Trump – who Democrats accused of inciting the January 6th riot. She later joined the January 6th committee, on which she currently services as Vice Chair.

And look at what happened to the rest of the anti-Trump Republicans who voted to impeach:



"Congratulations to Harriet Hageman on her great and very decisive WIN in Wyoming," Trump said in a statement on Truth Social. "This is a wonderful result for America, and a complete rebuke of the Unselect Committee of political Hacks and Thugs. Liz Cheney should be ashamed of herself, the way she acted, and her spiteful, sanctimonious words and actions towards others. Now she can finally disappear into the depths of political oblivion where, I am sure, she will be much happier than she is right now. Thank you WYOMING!"



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If recent polls are any indication, neocon Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) is about to lose her seat in today's primaries, after going on a poorly-received crusade against former President Donald Trump.

In one recent poll, Cheney challenger Harriet Hageman – who disputed the legitimacy of the 2020 US election – was leading Cheney by nearly 30 points. Of note, 70% of Wyoming voters chose Trump in 2020 – the highest percentage of any state in the nation.

Cheney, 56, sparked conservative backlash against her by choosing to die on hill of election fraud and the January 6th committee, of which she's the vice chair. Unsurprisingly, **her warmongering father's laughable campaign ad**in which he said there's 'never been a greater threat to our republic than Donald Trump' didn't do Liz any favors.



"She's almost certainly toast," said American University political scientist, David Barker. "My guess is that she knew that the second she decided to really join the Jan. 6 committee and pursue the president in that way."

"She hasn't just been kind of a passive member of the committee," he added. "She's been really leading the whole charge and doing so in the most provocative and high-profile ways."

### Cheney doesn't care

"America cannot remain free if we abandon the truth. The lie that the 2020 presidential election was stolen is insidious — it preys on those who love their country," she said in a closing argument <a href="mailto:campaign video">campaign video</a> released Thursday. "It is a door Donald Trump opened to manipulate Americans to abandon their principles, to sacrifice their freedom, to justify violence, to ignore the rulings of our courts and the rule of law."

"This is Donald Trump's legacy, but it cannot be the future of our nation."

At least one supporter held out hope, according to the Associated Press.

"I'm still hopeful that the polling numbers are wrong," said Landon Brown, a Wyoming state

representative and vocal Cheney ally. "It'll be a crying shame really if she does lose. It shows just how much of a stranglehold that Donald Trump has on the Republican Party."

Her likely defeat on Tuesday has raised speculation over her next move – including a potential run for president in 2024, which she hasn't ruled out.

If one simply reads the room, however, it's clear that Cheney would be up against a tide of Trump supporters, who largely view her as a traitor.

"My sense is that if it is [her plan], she's going to have a long wait," said Bill Galston, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "I don't think that Donald Trump supporters will ever forgive her, nor do I think they're going away."

"Where else would they go?"

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