

The Censure of Rep. Gosar is an Attack on Free Speech.
Remarks by Rep. Gosar, as written.
November 17, 2021

Madame Speaker, I rise today to address, and reject, the mischaracterized accusations from many in this body that a cartoon from my office is dangerous or threatening.

It was not and I reject that false narrative categorically.

I do not espouse violence towards anyone. I never have.

It was not my purpose to make anyone upset.

I voluntarily took the cartoon down not because it was itself a threat, but because some thought it was.

Out of compassion for those who genuinely felt offense, I self-censored.

Last week, my staff posted a video depicting a policy battle regarding amnesty for tens of millions of illegal aliens.

This was an anime that speaks to young voters who are too often overlooked.

Even Twitter, the Left's mouthpiece, did not remove the cartoon noting it was in the public's interest for it to remain.

The cartoon directly contributes to the understanding and discussion of the real-life battle resulting from this administration's open border policies.

This body is considering passage of Mr. Biden's reckless, socialist/marxist \$4.9 trillion spending bill that provides \$100 billion for amnesty to tens of millions of illegal aliens already in our country.

This is what the Left doesn't want the American people to know.

Our country is suffering from the plague of illegal immigration. I won't stop pointing this out.

Millions of illegal aliens, drugs and human traffickers are being let in and moved around our country. In the dead of the night all condoned by this administration.

For this cartoon, some in Congress suggest I should be punished.

I have said decisively there is no threat in the cartoon other than the threat immigration poses to our country.

And no threat was intended by my staff, or me.

The American people deserve to have their voices heard in Congress.

No matter how much the Left tries to quiet me, I will continue to speak out against amnesty to illegal aliens, defend the rule of law and advance the America First agenda.

If I must join Alexander Hamilton, the first person attempted to be censured by the House, so be it.

It is done.

Madame Speaker, I yield back.