

In speech at New York Young Republican Club gala in Manhattan

Fascist Marjorie Taylor Greene boasts January 6 coup would have succeeded if she led it because “we would’ve been armed”

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In a Saturday night speech at the New York Young Republican Club gala in Manhattan, New York, fascist Georgia Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (Republican) boasted that had she and former Trump adviser Steve Bannon “organized” the January 6, 2021 coup it would have been successful because “we would’ve been armed.”

“I will tell you something, if Steve Bannon and I organized that,” Greene said referring to the coup, “we would have won.”

“Not to mention,” Greene said, “it would’ve been armed.”

On-the-ground reporters for the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors the activities of fascist groups, said that after Greene’s remarks “attendees erupted in cheers and applause.” It is unclear if Donald Trump Jr., a speaker and attendee at the same event, was one of those who “erupted” in approval.

Greene’s threats, which she tried to pass off as a “joke,” are deadly serious. They underscore that 23 months after the attack on the Capitol, the Republican Party has continued to transform into a fascist organization, despite the fact that some of Trump’s hand-picked “election denialists” lost their races.

Furthermore, Greene’s threats express the fact that even if Trump is not the Republican nominee, the antidemocratic social forces he represents will continue to be cultivated by the ruling class within the Republican Party.

Greene’s declaration was not an aberration in an otherwise “normal” Republican event. The yearly gala was organized by the president of the New York Young Republicans, Gavin Wax, and featured neo-Nazi Jack Posobiec as the co-headline speaker along with Greene. Posobiec is a former Navy officer and routinely incites fascist violence against LGBTQ persons. He is a protege of Roger Stone and began spreading the #StopTheSteal hashtag on Twitter on September 7, 2020, nearly two months before the presidential election.

Wax, 26, is an ambassador for Charlie Kirk’s far-right Turning Point USA and has written for several Republican-linked magazines and papers. After the members of the Proud Boys assaulted antifascist protesters outside the same event in 2018, Wax wrote a column defending the right-wing militia as a “patriotic fraternal group who like America and beer.”

In his remarks Saturday night, according to the SPLC, Wax told the packed room, “We want to cross the Rubicon. We want total war. We must be prepared to do battle in every arena. In the media. In the courtroom. At the ballot box. And in the streets.”

“This is the only language the left understand,” Wax declared. “The language of pure and unadulterated power.” Wax went on to attack Trump’s political enemies within the Republican Party, characterizing them as “snakes” and “backstabbers.”

Greene was one of several high-level Republicans who either spoke at or attended the expensive gala and played

a leading role in the failed coup. Joining her was former Trump adviser Steve Bannon, along with several regular correspondents and contributors to his podcast *War Room*, including Bannon's daughter, Maureen Bannon, Raheem Kassam, editor-in-chief at National Pulse, and Steve Cortes, another former adviser to Trump.

SPLC reporters photographed Bannon at the gala with the founder of VDARE and former *Forbes* editor Peter Brimelow. VDARE, founded in 1999, is a fascist anti-immigrant organization that acts as a bridge between neo-Nazis, white supremacists and "respectable" anti-immigrant politicians.

Other Trump co-conspirators who attended the event included former New York City mayor and Trump coup lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, and former New York City Police commissioner Bernard Kerik. Giuliani and Kerik led Trump's "legal" efforts to overturn the 2020 election from a "command center" located at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel.

Trump political fixer Roger Stone, mercenary billionaire war criminal Erik Prince, and fascist muckraker James O'Keefe of Project Veritas also attended the event.

Recently elected New York Republican Congressman George Santos, who has previously admitted to being in Washington D.C. on January 6, joined fellow newly elected Republican representatives Mike Collins (Georgia) and Cory Mills (Florida) at the gala.

The international connections being forged by the pro-Trump camp were demonstrated by the appearance of several members of far-right European parties at weekend events put on by the New York Young Republican Club.

On Friday night, the club hosted a separate event that featured speeches from Nicolaus Fest and Maximilian Krah: both men are members of the Alternative for Germany (AfD).

Other speakers at the Friday night event included Robert Roos, a member of the European Parliament and representative of the JA21, a far-right anti-immigrant Dutch party.

Harlad Vilimsky, a member of the Freedom Party of Austria, spoke at the Friday night event along with Gerald

Grosz, a former member of the same party. Grosz is running in the 2022 Austrian presidential election under the campaign slogan "Make Austria Grosz [Great] Again!"

The Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ) is a far-right party that has been dominated by neo-Nazi leadership since its founding in 1956 by Anton Reinthaller.

Reinthaller was a member of the Nazi Party (Austria) from 1928 to 1938 and a member of the German Nazi party from 1938 to 1945, serving as the Nazi Minister of Agriculture during the war. Reinthaller joined the SS in December 1938 and eventually rose to the rank of *Brigadeführer*.

Reinthaller was replaced as head of the FPÖ in 1958 by Friedrich Peter, who served as chairman of the party from 1958 to 1978.

Peter was an active Nazi between 1938 and 1946. At the age of 17 he volunteered to join the Waffen-SS and fought on the Western and Eastern fronts as a member of the 1st SS infantry Brigade, parts of which were detached to *Einsatzgruppen C*. The *Einsatzgruppen* played a leading role in the extermination of Jews, Romani and communists throughout the war.

In interviews following the war, Peter denied participating in the Holocaust. During the war he was promoted to *Obersturmführer*, that is, "Senior storm leader." Current FPÖ chair Herbert Kickl, while not an overt Nazi, lamented in a January 2019 interview that human rights agreements prevented "us from doing what "is necessary," in regards to immigration.

Beset by economic crisis, the outbreak of war in Ukraine, and an increasingly militant working class, the ruling classes in every country have no solutions to the problems created by the crisis of world capitalism except to resurrect fascist ideology and impose dictatorships.



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