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Word In Black

(OPINION) - I'm not doing this again with y'all.

While Democrats debate how to respond to Joe Biden's debate performance, Trump and the Republicans are plotting to erase the entire twentieth century.

That's not an exaggeration. Donald Trump has publicly threatened to be a dictator on "day one" if he wins in November, and the Supreme Court justices he appointed have just immunized him from accountability and vested him with the unchecked powers of a monarch.

If Trump wins, he would empower an army of radical right-wing activists who plan to implement Project 2025, dismantle civil rights, women's rights, and LGBTQ rights, rescind long-established progressive laws and policies, and swing a wrecking ball against the fragile institutions of government and democracy.

Yes, Joe Biden is a flawed candidate, but Donald Trump is a threat

My 'Black Job' Is to Protect Democracy



Donald Trump and Joe Biden during last Thursday's presidential debate.

to America. If anyone should withdraw from the race, it's the twice-impeached convicted criminal.

But some critics are making the same miscalculation they made with Hillary Clinton. A Trump victory will not bring on a progressive people's revolution, strengthen third-party candidates, or buy us time to elect a better Democrat in the next election. It will set us so far back that it will take decades to unravel, no matter who wins in 2028. America cannot afford to make that mistake again.

Back in 2016, I was teaching at Columbia University when college students were complaining about Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee for president. Many

raised legitimate concerns, including her support for the unpopular war in Iraq. But others raised less substantive issues. She's not likable. She panders. And the most memorable critique: they didn't believe her when she appeared on "The Breakfast Club" and announced that she carried hot sauce in her purse.

I, too, opposed the war in Iraq, and that was one reason why I voted for Barack Obama instead of Clinton in the 2008 presidential primary. But now it was 2016, and Clinton was the Democratic nominee facing a Republican opponent, Donald Trump, who posed a clear and present danger to democracy.

"If Hillary Clinton wins, we may have a lib-

eral majority on the Supreme Court for the first time in nearly 50 years," I posted on Twitter a few weeks before the election.

That was eight years ago.

Now, as Trump cements his legacy on the right-wing court, that opportunity could be lost for a generation, as Republicans have appointed six of the nine Supreme Court Justices.

Joe Biden is not the ideal candidate to represent the Democratic Party. He's an 81-year-old white man leading a party that is increasingly represented by young people, women, and people of color.

I worked for Biden's opponent when he ran for president in 1988. I did not vote for Biden

tweets, and unhinged press conferences. Some Americans may not remember the constant chaos and crises from Charlottesville to Covid that defined the Trump years, but I do, and I refuse to go back.

I know that Democrats prefer young, articulate, charismatic presidential candidates in the tradition of John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama. I do too, but the young guys don't always deliver. It was not JFK, but an older, less attractive Lyndon Johnson who signed the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, 60 years ago today. As Jesse Jackson said at the 1984 Democratic National Convention, "I would rather have Roosevelt in a wheelchair than Reagan on a horse."

Trump is far more entertaining than Joe Biden, but a presidential election is not a popularity contest. It's a job interview. Unfortunately, the majority of white voters plan to install a twice-impeached, quadruple-indicted, convicted criminal with a 50-year history of racism in the most powerful position in America.

My Black job, if there is such a thing, is to stop them.

The flavor of love? Red Lobster announces new Flavor Flav combo meal

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(LIFESTYLE) - After taking it into his own hands to save Red Lobster from ruin, Flavor Flav is getting his own menu item.

The seafood chain restaurant announced that starting Monday, for a limited time only, guests can dine like the rapper. The chain has partnered with him to release a combo meal featuring some of his favorite menu items.

The combo meal, dubbed "Flavor Flav's Faves," was hand-selected by Flav from a variety of Red Lobster staple menu items and includes Maine lobster tail, snow crab legs, garlic shrimp scampi, bacon mac and cheese, and an additional side. However, according to the release, this special meal won't be on the menu. Instead, it will be an "if you know, you know" kind of deal, and patrons will have to ask their servers directly for the Flavor Flav's Faves meal.

"As a long-time Red Lobster fan, I'm fired up to bring a little bit of my own flavor to fans with a meal featuring my seafood favorites," Flav said in the release. "You gotta get to Red Lobster and give it a try because this signature meal is hype, boy!"

The collaboration comes after Red Lobster officials announced they were considering filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, claiming the chain's famed unlimited shrimp deal had put them in the red. Soon after, the former "Flavor of Love" star pledged to help the chain, and soon made good on that promise. In early June, the reality TV personality made headlines when he showed up at a Red Lobster and ordered the entire menu.

"Ya boy meant it when I said I was gonna do anything and everything to help @redlobster and save the cheddar bay biscuits," Flav wrote in a post on X that included a photo of him standing before his feast.

Sara Bittorf, Red Lobster's Chief Experience Officer said in the release, "When you have someone like Flavor Flav who shows their love for a brand



Flavor Flav attends the 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 26, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana. (Photo by James Gilbert/Getty Images)



2024 USA Women's Water Polo team members

by ordering the entire menu, you know there is a lot more fun to be had."

She added that Flav's "passion for Red Lobster is unmatched, and we're excited to bring our guests a flavor experience unlike any other."

Flav has been on a generosity kick recently.

Before pledging to save the seafood chain, he also committed to financially supporting the U.S. Women's Water Polo team as they gear up for the Paris Olympics later this month. That deal also became official this week, as Flav signed an "unprecedented" five-year sponsorship deal with Team USA, making him the official hype man for the USA Water Polo Women's and Men's National Teams. As part of the sponsorship, he will make a financial contribution to the 2024 USA Women's Water Polo Olympic Team that includes a Virgin Voyage cruise and a \$1,000 bonus.

"Supporting USA Water Polo teams is an honor," Flav said in a statement about the sponsorship. "As a girl dad and a champion of all sports, I'm excited to bring my energy and voice to this incredible sport. Niche sports often don't get the spotlight they deserve, but they are packed with incredible talent and heart. Together, we're going to make some serious waves!"