

THE LAURA LOOMER PROBLEM IS THE SAME AS THE VLADIMIR PUTIN PROBLEM

At about the same time that several of Donald Trump's most loyal supporters were warning that Laura Loomer's access to the former President threatens his presidential bid, Tim Walz was in Grand Rapids mocking how easy it is to manipulate Donald Trump.

Kamala Harris was able to, within a matter of a few seconds, use this guy's inflated ego and narcissism to bait him into melting down on a national stage in front of 60 million.

You don't think Vladimir Putin could do that?

You don't think Xi Jinping could do that?

Jewish space laser conspiracist Marjorie Taylor Greene scolded Loomer about attacking Kamala Harris for her Indian ancestry (after which MTG went back to making racist attacks on migrants again).



Lindsey Graham, a sometime hawk who makes excuses for Trump's apologies for Russia, agreed that Trump should distance himself from Loomer and the incendiary comments she makes.

"We have policy disagreements but the

history of this person is just really toxic,” Graham told HuffPost on Thursday. “I mean, she actually called for Kellyanne Conway’s daughter to hang herself. I don’t know how this all happened, but, no, I don’t think it’s helpful. I don’t think it’s helpful at all.”

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“Marjorie Taylor Greene is right. I don’t say that a lot,” Graham said.

“I think what [Loomer] said about Kamala Harris and the White House is abhorrent, but it’s deeper than that,” he added. “I mean, you know, some of the things she’s said about Republicans and others is disturbing. I mean, to call for someone’s daughter to hang themselves. Yeah, no, I think that the president would serve himself well to make sure this doesn’t become a bigger story.”

The backlash comes after Trump brought Loomer, a 9/11 conspiracist, with him to the 9/11 memorial in New York. It comes as many of Trump handlers are trying to find someone, someone besides themselves, besides the candidate, to blame for his disastrous debate performance.

When asked about Republican complaints about Loomer the other day, Trump offered word salad.

Well, I don’t know what they would say, Laura has been a supporter of mine, just like a lot of people have been supporters. And she’s been a supporter of mine. She speaks very positively of the campaign – I’m not sure why you asked that question, but Laura’s a *supporter*. I don’t control Laura. Laura has to say what she wants. She’s a free spirit. Well, I don’t know. Look. I can’t tell Laura what to do. Laura’s a supporter. I have a lot of supporters. So I don’t know exactly what you’re

referring to. ... I just don't know.
Laura's a supporter. I don't know. She
is a strong person. She's got strong
opinions. And I don't know what she said
but that's not up to me. She's a
supporter.

Shortly after this pathetic response from Trump,
a Truth Social post was released over Trump's
initials, bearing none of the roughness of a
post the man wrote himself. The post disavowed
unspecified "statements she made."



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~~Laura Loomer doesn't work for the
Campaign. She's a private citizen and
longtime supporter. I disagree with the
statements she made but, like the many
millions of people who support me, she is
tired of watching the Radical Left Marxists
and Fascists violently attack and smear me,
even to the point of doing anything to stop
their Political Opponent, ME! I am now in
California, which Democrats like Comrade
Kamala Harris and Governor Gavin Newscom
have completely DESTROYED. I will turn it all
around and, MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!
-DJT~~

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All that, in turn, has led to insinuations and
whispers about precisely what kind of access
Loomer has to Trump.

No one can keep former President Donald
Trump away from Laura Loomer.

Throughout his third presidential
campaign, aides and advisers have done
their best to shield him from Loomer, a
far-right social media influencer, and
similar figures who stroke his ego and
stoke his basest political instincts.

They lost that battle this week, as Loomer traveled on Trump's jet to his debate with Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday and to Sept. 11 memorial services Wednesday. Her presence at the latter infuriated some Democrats and Republicans because one of the many conspiracy theories she has promoted is the false notion that the terrorist assault on the U.S. was an "inside job." It wasn't.

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[H]er presence reflects Trump's loss of faith in his campaign aides and their concomitant fear of upsetting him in a time of crisis, according to people familiar with the situation. Last month, he tapped his 2016 campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, to be an adviser to his top advisers – a move widely viewed as a rebuke of the existing leadership crew.

A senior official from Trump's 2020 campaign team said that helps explain why Loomer is no longer being kept at arm's length.

"The people that have the authority to stop it are hanging on to their jobs," the former official said. "So are you going to pick that fight with him?"

A lot of this is manufactured controversy. Loomer is little different than all the other far right nutbags Trump surrounds himself with. Why blame Loomer for the cat-and-dog screech when Trump's chosen Vice Presidential candidate – chosen with the considerable input of Trump's dumbass son – has a much more central role in magnifying this hoax, when Trump has employed Stephen Miller to engage in such fearmongering both inside and outside the White House, for years?

And Marjorie Taylor Greene, lecturing other

people about being racist? You have got to be fucking kidding me.

As described, what distinguishes Loomer is her access. I even joined in, speculating that as she traveled on his plane to the Philadelphia debate, handlers may believe she tainted the killer immigration attack coached by upstanding, reasonable people like Matt Gaetz and Tulsi Gabbard, creating the screech.

The unspoken (except by Drudge) suggestion they're fucking is the invented explanation for what might make Loomer more dangerous than the other racists and conspiracists who populate Trump's inner circle. Me, I'm more interested in whether the problem with Loomer is that she's so close to Roger Stone, whom campaign officials perennially attempt to keep separate from Trump during presidential elections. Ali Alexander served as Roger's surrogate during the 2020 election; perhaps Loomer is doing so now.

Whatever it is that has Republican members of Congress and campaign officials blaming Loomer for Trump's failures, it is also a concession.

The complaint being offered is that none of Trump's advisors can prevent someone – in this case, Loomer – from getting Trump to parrot the most outrageous beliefs simply by inveigling herself into his closest circle and flattering him enough to stay there.

The complaint being offered is that Loomer's mere fawning presence will lead Trump to say and do things that will disrupt the carefully cultivated illusion that he is a sane, effective leader.

Trump's anonymous aides are making the same argument that Tim Walz did: that anyone who strokes Trump's ego enough can win him to their view. Trump's boasts about how valuable Viktor Orbán's adulation is have nothing to do with Orbán's real stature on the world stage. Rather, Trump boasted about Orbán's "endorsement" because Orbán has serially sucked up to Trump, repeating back to Trump Trump's own fantasy that

he can deliver “peace” in Ukraine with a snap of his fingers.

The problem isn't Laura Loomer. She's little different than all the other extremists who remain in Trump's good graces by performing near-perfect sycophancy.

The problem is precisely what Tim Walz warned: Trump's narcissism and his ego make him weak, vulnerable to any person willing to use flattery to win their objectives.

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