



Minnesota Republican lawmaker linked to cartoons making light of gun violence

A CURRENT Republican member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, Donald Raleigh of District 38A, has been linked to a series of dehumanizing and unnecessarily violent cartoons targeting people of color, children, service members, laborers, the disabled, environmentalists, and other marginalized groups. Raleigh took an oath to serve the needs of all Minnesotans to the best of his ability and without discrimination. How can Minnesotans expect Donald Raleigh, running for reelection in District 38A, to sincerely fulfill his oath, when he has no issue dehumanizing those different from him? Minnesota is diverse and full of wonderful, hardworking people who deserve to have their tax money and trust stewarded by representatives who see them as equal to every other constituent. And for the service members, how can Raleigh openly disrespect and humiliate those who risk their lives so our democracy can exist in the first place?

If Donald Raleigh thinks gun violence is a laughing matter, how can he be trusted to help find solutions to keep our kids safe? He clearly sees a gun as a tool to instigate violence against the innocent, vulnerable, and defenseless.

Republicans need to stop supporting those who are unashamed about their hatred for innocent Minnesotans.

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- You would think that when Republicans claimed they cared about your children's safety, they would mean it. Apparently not, since a Republican member of the State House has been linked to violent cartoons depicting the murder of children. [\[Insert link here\]](#)
- A CURRENT Republican member of the Minnesota House of Representatives has been linked to a series of dehumanizing and unnecessarily violent cartoons depicting the murder of people of color, children, the disabled, and members of the military. We should be better than this. [\[Insert link here\]](#)
- Republicans have shown once again that integrity is apparently too high a bar for their party to reach. [\[Insert link here\]](#)
- How can Minnesotans expect Donald Raleigh, running for reelection in District 38A, to take gun violence and school safety seriously, when he previously made horrific jokes about murdering children. This is beyond reprehensible. [\[Insert link here\]](#)
- With mass shootings on the rise, which have been mostly targeted at people of color and school children, how can someone possibly in good conscience think that these violent cartoons are acceptable? I do not think those that have lost a loved one to gun violence, racist attacks, or war will find these funny. [\[Insert link here\]](#)
- How do I know Minnesota Republicans won't lift a finger to keep kids safe from gun violence? Because they didn't lift a finger to denounce a colleague who tried to turn the murder of children into horrific and tasteless jokes. [\[Insert link here\]](#)

Republicans threaten to walk away from a special session and leave Minnesotans to fend for themselves until next year

Infrastructure is in critical need of repair across Minnesota. Replacing lead pipes so that drinking water stays safe was a large motivator for President Joe Biden to sign the largest infrastructure package the country has seen in half a century. Minnesota is eligible for \$7.3 billion of this aid in the coming years if—and only if—state legislators pass budget bills.

The Minnesota regular legislative session ended this spring without doing that. The next regular session will not convene until January of 2023 and in the meantime, other states are also vying for this aid and passing bills to receive it. Minnesota typically pays in more to the federal government than it receives back. By matching the federal commitment, Minnesota has a chance for some of this money to come back to the state's economy and communities. If Republicans refuse a special session, by the time Minnesotan politicians return to the state capitol, this window of opportunity for historic federal investment in our state could be gone, and Minnesotans would suffer greatly from critical infrastructure left in disrepair.

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- If Republicans don't agree to passing a budget bill, our federal tax dollars won't come back to Minnesota to improve our infrastructure and create jobs. Why are Minnesota Republicans trying to send our tax dollars to states like Wisconsin? [\[Insert link here\]](#)

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STATE CONVENTION SPEECHES



Governor Tim Walz, Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, Secretary of State Steve Simon, and Attorney General Keith Ellison were all endorsed for reelection two weeks ago at the Democratic Farmer Labor Party State Convention in Rochester, Minnesota. They each shared their vision for the future work they plan to do if reelected, shared some of the progress they have made in office so far, and what threats Minnesotans face from conspiracy theorist and discriminatory Republican candidates. You can listen to the Minnesota State DFL Convention endorsed candidate speeches on the DFL Debrief Podcast at <https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/>

While State Auditor Julie Blaha was also endorsed for reelection, she was out sick for the convention. Stay tuned for her upcoming interview on our podcast.

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- You can listen to speeches from the DFL Party statewide ticket on the DFL Party's podcast, the DFL Debrief! Check it out at <https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/> [Insert image above]
- Check out Governor Walz's inspiring speech from the DFL state convention at <https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/> [Insert image above]
- Listen to Governor Tim Walz on why it is crucial DFLers win big in the midterms this year! <https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/> [Insert image above]
- Steve Simon laid out his goals for his next term if reelected by Minnesotans for Secretary of State at the DFL State Convention. Hear why he deserves your vote this fall to keep elections in Minnesota fair, secure, and accessible! <https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/> Search DFL Debrief wherever you listen to your podcasts! [Insert image above]
- Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan are a dynamic duo! Listen to their inspiring endorsement speeches from the DFL state convention on the [DFL Debrief Podcast](https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/) and get energized for this election! Tune in at <https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/> or by searching DFL Debrief on your podcast app of choice! [Insert image above]
- Just listening to the inspiring speeches from the DFL state convention will prove why the right candidates were endorsed for reelection. Listen to their speeches on the [DFL Debrief Podcast](https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/) at <https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/> or search DFL Debrief wherever you listen to your podcasts! [Insert image above]
- When they tell you who they are, believe them." Listen to Governor Tim Walz's speech from the DFL State Convention to hear more about the threat Republicans pose to the future of Minnesota on the [DFL Debrief Podcast](https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/) at <https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/> [Insert image above]
- Listen to Secretary of State Steve Simon explain why he is so passionate about voting rights and making sure every Minnesotan who is eligible to vote has the access to do so on the [DFL Debrief Podcast](https://dfl.org/dfldebrief/) where you can hear his speech from the DFL State Convention. Search DFL Debrief wherever you listen to your podcasts! [Insert image above]

Republicans once again fail to offer any meaningful solutions to the problem of gun violence

The recent tragedy at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas was the second biggest mass shooting in American history and came only a week after African Americans were killed as they shopped in a Buffalo, New York supermarket. DFL-endorsed leaders shared their condolences but also looked beyond grief to how we can prevent such awful gun violence from happening again. Republicans have refused to do the same.

Unfortunately, Republicans have used their majority in the State Senate to block *any* and *all* DFL gun reform initiatives. Had Republicans passed red flag laws, the 2021 shooting at a Buffalo, Minnesota health care clinic may have never happened. Republicans like Jeremy Miller, R-Winona, have tried to mislead the public on the issue, pushing away blame from the weapons themselves and their ease of access. GOP-endorsed gubernatorial candidate Scott Jensen said he regrets being pro-gun safety during his time in the State Senate. U.S. Rep Dean Phillips has called this attitude out, saying "[D]o not tell me your AR15 is worth more than another 14 children's lives."

A majority of Minnesotans support gun safety and are angry the GOP keeps offering the same thoughts and prayers without acting on any of the power they have to enact practical and effective gun safety measures that will save lives. Speaker of the Minnesota State House Melissa Hortman, DFL-Brooklyn Park, knows that electing overwhelming Democratic majorities is the only way to ensure that safety and security are meaningfully protected.

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- DFL Party leaders have also looked beyond grief to how we can prevent such awful gun violence tragedies from happening again. Republicans have refused to do the same. [\[Insert link here\]](#)
- Before the Covid-19 pandemic hit, DFLers in the Minnesota State House were working especially hard to enact gun safety reforms and they passed several bills. Unfortunately, Republicans have used their majority in the State Senate to block *any* and *all* of these initiatives from becoming law in Minnesota. [\[Insert link here\]](#)
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- To keep Minnesota blue, we need to organize circles around the competition. The DFL Party is hiring folks to do exactly that! Apply today at <https://dfi.org/jobs/> *[Insert image from above]*

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