Republicans Continue to Embrace Trump’s Unpatriotic Rhetoric

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Since Donald Trump was elected President of the United States, I have been appalled by the unwillingness of Republicans to be courageous and stand up to him when he says and does despicable things that run contrary to our shared values and violate our sacred principles. This weekend we witnessed another shameful example of this cowardice—of how Republicans seem all too happy to place politics above principle and country.

Normally, Republicans in Congress preach the importance of patriotism and rebuke all efforts to undermine it. Yet they refused to harshly condemn President Trump who on foreign soil sided with Kim Jung Un, a ruthless despot, murderer and enemy of the U.S., in criticizing Joe Biden, a respected American Vice President (his political views notwithstanding). And on Memorial Day no less! This rhetoric was unprecedented; no other president in U.S. history has behaved in such an un-American and unpatriotic manner.

If a Democratic president had made such a statement, Republicans would rightly clamor for impeachment, as would any reasonable person. Instead, Republicans
remained loudly silent. From a rhetorical perspective, this makes them codependent enablers of Trump and active participants with Trump in undermining our nation and its cherished values, as well as the sanctity of the presidency. The question remains: How can we get Republicans to do their job and protect the country?

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