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Congress enables Trump

The medical definition of an enabler is one who makes possible or empowers another to achieve an end. This is especially problematic when one enables another to persist in self-destructive behavior by providing excuses or helping that individual avoid the consequences of such behavior.

This definition is applicable in politics as well. While an enabler may not necessarily be guilty of the wrongdoing of the leader they enable, the enabler is accountable for the consequences of the leader's wrongdoing. After all, if they fail to use their power and authority to stop the person guilty of wrongdoing, the enabler is culpable and must take at least partial responsibility for the consequences of the wrongdoing.

Republican members of Congress today are acting as enablers, making possible and empowering President Trump's egregious behavior. They could stop Trump but have chosen not to, elevating party over country. The public must hold these enablers accountable, removing them from political office.

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