

# Donald Trump could win

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Dear fellow MoveOn member,

Donald Trump could really win this election.

**And, even if he doesn't, the whole Republican field just keeps getting crazier.**

Threatening to commit war crimes by intentionally bombing women and children.<sup>1</sup> "Closing" sections of the Internet.<sup>2</sup> Keeping Sharia law out of a city near you.<sup>3</sup>

These are the policies Republicans support. And in poll after poll, the candidates who take the most extreme, racist, right-wing positions go up.

If any of these candidates end up in the White House in 2016, America is in deep, deep trouble. Just by commanding the national stage, Republicans are already pushing dangerous ideas into public discourse and fueling a climate of violence and vitriol.

That's why I'm asking you to make a year-end gift to one of the most powerful—and effective—progressive groups in the nation: MoveOn.

Your gift won't just help defeat Republicans in 2016—you'll also help fight against the pernicious ideas that their campaigns are propagating and help elect progressives who will stand up for our values.

**[Click here to make your year-end gift to MoveOn now.](#)**

Maybe you're one of the people out there who thinks that the 2016 election will be an easy win for Democrats. You might think that because Republicans are so crazy, they can't possibly win the general election. If so, think again.

In 2014, Republicans won their biggest House majority in Congress in almost 100 years—most of them every bit as conservative as the current candidates for president.<sup>4</sup> Republicans control 32 governorships, including in deep-blue states like Maryland, Illinois, and Massachusetts.<sup>5</sup> And, under President Obama, Democrats have lost more than 900 state legislative seats.<sup>6</sup>

That's why anyone who thinks the next election is going to be easy is kidding themselves. Even if Donald Trump wins the nomination.

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Maybe you think the stakes aren't that high if Democrats lose. If so, I hope you'll reconsider. Here are some reasons why:

- There's been a terrifying spike in hate crimes largely targeting Muslims. Given the fear mongering of leading Republican presidential candidates, a Republican president will double down on xenophobic, anti-immigrant policies.
- The GOP's war on women continues in full force. (And you better believe that a Republican president will defund Planned Parenthood.)
- Speaker Paul Ryan's ultra-conservative House of Representatives is gearing up to make deep cuts to social programs, to slash Social Security, and to cut taxes for the wealthiest Americans and corporations. A Republican president will join with Ryan in a big push to make these extreme policies the law of the land.
- We've avoided going to war—for now. But if Republicans in Congress had their way, we'd be on a road to war with Iran already.
- We have Obamacare—for now. And we're making progress on the environment—for now. But a Republican president will work every day to undo all of that.

**Your year-end donation to MoveOn is a small price to pay to fight against right-wing policies that would put us on a path to economic and social misery.**

[Click here to chip in \\$3 or whatever you can.](#)

If you want to put your money to good use in 2016, now's the time. Laying the groundwork requires early planning. So every donation that comes in now will go a long way.

And MoveOn's past get-out-the-vote operations have been as effective—and as innovative—as any I've seen out there.

Not only that, but MoveOn backs strong progressives who will fight for the little guy. That means you can put your money to use—and help win—without giving to Democrats who act like Republicans.

The other guys are funded by billionaires. MoveOn Political Action is funded with an average donation of \$25. This is truly a people-powered movement.

**Ready to help make sure MoveOn hits the ground running in 2016?**

[Chip in now.](#)

Thanks for all you do.

–Robert Reich

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