

Regarding “Silence of the GOP lambs” (Oct. 6):

Under the circumstances, the editorial board is exactly right that Trump’s rhetoric “should be considered a national crisis.” To coin a phrase by the puppet master, this silence is something “the likes of which” our country has never seen.

Our Constitution was established, in part, to insure domestic tranquility. Students of equal justice under law understand Trump’s role on January 6, 2021 – with his Machiavellian narrative that the 2020 election was stolen – helped hijack that purpose. Three hours elapsed until he told violent Capitol rioters and potential criminal defendants to “go home.”

In a radio interview on Sept. 1, 2022, in response to being asked about the Jan. 6 defendants, Trump said, “If I decide to run and if I win, I will be looking very, very strongly about pardons, full pardons ... and I mean full pardons with an apology.” Such a strategic, deliberate, and shameless attempt to reprise his Jan. 6 role is, again, something “the likes of which” our country has never seen.

Given the growing support for freedom and democracy around the world, Trump’s rhetoric is probative of a tyrannical mindset rooted in *unequal* justice under law. Assume he is the GOP’s frontrunner as the editorial claims. We saw how quickly *Roe v. Wade* was dismantled through his three SCOTUS appointments with the worst opinion since Dred Scott. Thus, the very phrase above the entrance to SCOTUS – equal justice under law – may not literally be removed if he is reelected, but it will definitely result in further erosion of the principle that no one is above the law.