

DCCC: Wisconsinites have spoken: U.S. Rep. Van Orden is unfit for office

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The reviews are in and it looks like Derrick Van Orden's constituents are ready to send him packing after his *latest* temper tantrum, this time accosting and getting "[physically aggressive](#)" toward high school Senate pages.

Keep reading to see what Wisconsinites are saying about Derrick Van Orden's inappropriate behavior.

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- What we can say is this: With his vulgarity-laced threatening of Senate pages, **Derrick Van Orden has shamed himself and Wisconsin** by picking on innocent teenagers. Again.
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- Van Orden's failure to [apologize] gives voters in western Wisconsin all the information they need for making their choice in 2024. While the bar for maturity and self-control is low in the current Congress, Derrick Van Orden has stumbled beneath it.
- Whether Van Orden is defeated in a Republican primary, or in next November's general election, **voters have good reason to conclude that a middle-aged man who keeps picking on teenagers has no place in the U.S. House of Representatives.**

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- His conduct was, as Schumer called it, "utterly despicable." **But his failure to apologize, to the pages, House leadership, and the constituents he**

represents, is even more of an embarrassment.

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- **Directing profane insults at any group is beneath the dignity of a member of Congress.** Doing so to students who have worked hard to keep the Senate running was unacceptable. Van Orden owes the pages an apology.

[The Cap Times: Letter to the Editor: Van Orden is unfit for office](#)

- Van Orden unfortunately may keep his House seat until the next election cycle. **But next November he deserves to lose his seat and never hold public office again.** He's shown everyone he is unfit.

[La Crosse Tribune: Letter to the Editor: Rep. Van Orden's actions 'atrocious and disrespectful'](#)

- **Please remember, come Nov. 5, 2024, to look elsewhere for a decent candidate to vote for** and send a message to Junior Congressman Derrick Van Orden that his atrocious and disrespectful behavior will not be rewarded.

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- Why does he take offense to these young pages, who weren't part of the assault that happened Jan. 6, 2021? That January, Van Orden was a "fellow traveler," a fellow trespasser, of that mob of storm Trumpers that rioted, vandalized, even defecated in the U.S. Capitol. Van Orden was there that day, violating a trespassing ordinance. Did he express outrage then?