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"Donald Trump was fired by 81 million people. So, let's be clear about that. And clearly, he is having a very difficult time processing that. But we cannot afford to have a president of the United States who attempts as he did in the past to upend the will of the voters in a free and fair election. And I'm going to tell you that I have traveled the world as vice president of the United States. And world leaders are laughing at Donald Trump. I have talked with military leaders, some of whom worked with you. And they say you're a disgrace. And when you then talk in this way in a presidential debate and deny what over and over again are court cases you have lost, because you did in fact lose that election, it leads one to believe that perhaps we do not have in the candidate to my right the temperament or the ability to not be confused about fact. That's deeply troubling. And the American people deserve better." Kamala Harris

"He said, 'After this election, you will not have to vote anymore,' as if voting is a kind of burden. And so this is fascist talk, where the fascist leader says, 'I will free you from all decision-making. Just trust in me and you will not have to worry about any problems anymore."" <u>Ruth Ben-Ghiat</u> commenting on Trump's July 26, 2024, statement to Christians to vote in large numbers

"Trump's escalating threats to pervert the criminal justice system need to be taken seriously. . "We have never had a presidential candidate state as one of his central goals mobilizing the levers of justice to punish enemies and reward friends. No one has ever been brazen enough to campaign on an agenda of retribution and retaliation." Former Justice department inspector general <u>Michael Bromwich</u>

"I don't believe what anyone says. I just wait to see what happens." Steven Shapiro (addressing weather forecasts, but perhaps generally applicable).

¹ *<u>The Delray Democrat</u>*, September 2024, page 3.