The backlash from enraged Republicans was immediate and fierce, but even some Democrats

expressed dismay over his use of the politically loaded phrase. Others remained silent.

Biden followed his “semi fascist” characterization with a speech in Philadelphia, warning a dark

and dystopian future awaited the nation if Republicans aligned with Trump returned to power.

Within a matter of days, Biden realized he’d gone too far and pivoted to damage control mode,

offering a gentler take:

“I don’t consider any Trump supporter to be a threat to the country. Not every Republican, not

even a majority of Republicans, are MAGA Republicans. Not every Republican embraces theirir

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