# Kevin McCarthy on January 6 and Democracy

**Highlights:**

* Kevin McCarthy echoed Trump’s claims of being defrauded out of the 2020 election, yet McCarthy reportedly was aware that Trump lost.
  + McCarthy falsely claimed Trump won the 2020 election.
  + McCarthy reportedly acknowledged Trump lost the 2020 election.
* Kevin McCarthy tried to overturn Biden’s 2020 victory by voting against state electors and signing onto lawsuits.
  + McCarthy voted against the electors from Arizona and Pennsylvania.
    - McCarthy voted twice against certifying Biden’s win.
  + McCarthy signed on to Texas lawsuit to overturn Biden’s victory.

## McCarthy Echoed Trump’s Claims Of Being Defrauded Out Of The 2020 Election, Yet Reportedly Was Aware Trump Lost

### McCarthy Falsely Claimed Trump Won The 2020 Election

**McCarthy Said Trump Won The 2020 Election And Supporters Should Not “Allow” Biden To Claim Victory.** According to the Washington Post, “While states were counting votes on Nov. 4, McCarthy told reporters that he would accept the election results once they the states certified them. Two days later, while states were still counting, McCarthy falsely told Fox News Channel that Donald Trump had won the election and that his supporters should ‘not be silent about’ Joe Biden’s victory. ‘We cannot allow this to happen before our very eyes,’ he said.” [Washington Post, [1/15/21](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/01/25/after-objecting-election-results-kevin-mccarthy-says-all-americans-bear-responsibility-deadly-capitol-riot/)]

### McCarthy Reportedly Acknowledged Trump Lost The 2020 Election

**Wasserman: “A Few Weeks After The Election, House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy Acknowledged Trump's Clear Loss To Me.”** According to Wasserman’s Twitter, “A few weeks after the election, House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy acknowledged Trump's clear loss to me and I asked him if the president's refusal to concede would lead the country down a dangerous road. His response: ‘Maybe.’” [Twitter, @Redistrict, [1/6/21](https://twitter.com/Redistrict/status/1346960142089248768)]

## McCarthy Tried To Overturn Biden’s 2020 Victory By Voting Against State Electors And Signing Onto Lawsuits

### McCarty Voted Against The Electors From Arizona And Pennsylvania

**McCarthy Voted Against The Electors From Arizona And Pennsylvania.** “According to Wasserman’s Twitter, “And hours after the pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol, McCarthy voted to reject the certified election results from Arizona and Pennsylvania.” [Washington Post, [1/15/21](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/01/25/after-objecting-election-results-kevin-mccarthy-says-all-americans-bear-responsibility-deadly-capitol-riot/)]

#### McCarthy Voted Twice Against Certifying Biden’s Win

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### McCarthy Signed On To Texas Lawsuit To Overturn Biden’s Victory

**McCarthy Signed On To A Texas Lawsuit That Aimed To Overturn Biden’s Win In Four States That Biden Won.** According to the Washington Post, “One month later, McCarthy signed on to a Texas lawsuit to overturn the election results in four states that Biden won, even though each of those states had certified their election results weeks before.” [Washington Post, [1/15/21](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/01/25/after-objecting-election-results-kevin-mccarthy-says-all-americans-bear-responsibility-deadly-capitol-riot/)]

* **The Texas Lawsuit Challenged The Election Results Of Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, And Wisconsin Due To Pandemic Era Changes To Election Procedures In Those States.** According to the Texas Tribune, “Texas sued this week to challenge the election results in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin on the basis that those states implemented pandemic-related changes to election procedures that, Texas claimed, were illegal and cast into question the election results.” [Texas Tribune, [12/11/20](https://www.texastribune.org/2020/12/11/texas-lawsuit-supreme-court-election-results/)]