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Mike Johnson says Newsom should be "tarred and feathered"



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House Speaker Mike Johnson speaks to reporters outside the White House on June 9. Photo: Win McNamee/Getty Images

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) declined to say Tuesday whether he believes California Gov. [Gavin Newsom](#) should be arrested — but he did say that the Democrat should be "tarred and feathered."

Why it matters: [President Trump](#) and White House border czar Tom Homan have both floated the idea of arresting California officials — including Newsom — for allegedly impeding deportations.

- "I would do it if I were Tom. I think it's great," Trump said on Monday. "I like Gavin Newsom. He's a nice guy. But he's grossly incompetent."
- Newsom has [pushed back](#) by daring Homan to arrest him, saying Sunday: "Come after me, arrest me. Let's just get it over with, tough guy. I don't give a damn."

What he's saying: Johnson at a House Republican leadership press conference on Tuesday morning said the question of whether Newsom should be arrested is "not my lane."

- "I'm not going to give you legal analysis on whether Gavin Newsom should be arrested," the speaker continued. "But he ought to be tarred and feathered, I'll say that."
- "He's standing in the way of the administration of carrying out federal law. He is applauding the bad guys and standing in the way of the good guys. He is a participant, an accomplice," Johnson said.
- A Newsom spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Between the lines: The comments come amid a growing clash between Democrats and Republicans on how to handle a wave of recent [protests in Los Angeles](#) against Trump's deportation campaign.

- Trump has mobilized the California National Guard and [U.S. Marines](#) in response to acts of vandalism, with demonstrators torching cars and scuffling with police.
- Newsom and other Democrats have accused the administration of escalating the situation and mobilizing the National Guard unconstitutionally without the state's consent.



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Trump says he'd arrest Gov. Newsom



President Trump (R) and Gavin Newsom (L). at Beale Air Force Base in California, Nov. 17, 2018. Photo: Saul Loeb/AFP via Getty Images

President [Trump](#) on Monday suggested California Gov. [Gavin Newsom](#) should be arrested amid an [escalating feud](#) between the two men after [days of protests](#) over ICE arrests in Los Angeles.

The big picture: The [Trump](#) administration and [California](#) are locked in [a simmering battle](#) after the president sent the National Guard to the state against Newsom's wishes.

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Scoop: Cotton urges GOP senators to double down on fiery LA protests



Protesters hold up flags during protests on Sunday after a series of immigration raids in Los Angeles, California. Photo: Spencer Platt/Getty Images

Senate Republican leadership is urging senators to double down on condemning the [chaotic protests](#) that erupted over the weekend in [Los Angeles](#), Axios has learned.

Why it matters: Republicans are convinced they have a winning issue. "This gives us an opportunity to remind Americans how extreme the Democratic party is on immigration," Sen. Tom Cotton's office wrote to communications staff on Monday.

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Newsom suing Trump admin over Marines, National Guard deployment to LA



Protesters holding signs protesting ICE enforcement gather along Highway 101 during a demonstration in Los Angeles on June 8. Photo: Kyle Grillot/Bloomberg via Getty Images

California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) announced Monday he's suing the Trump administration over the deployment of the [U.S. Marines](#) and the [National Guard](#) to Los Angeles protests.

The big picture: President [Trump](#) and Newsom are embroiled in a [simmering standoff](#) over the response to the protest unrest that erupted last week over [Immigration](#) and Customs Enforcement raids.

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