

# Bruce Springsteen Calls for Peace and Prays for Donald Trump After WHCA Dinner Shooting

Rock legend Bruce Springsteen publicly prayed for President Donald Trump and his administration Sunday night following the shooting at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner in Washington.

Speaking during an E Street Band concert at the Moody Center in Austin, Texas, Springsteen addressed the violence that unfolded Saturday night when authorities say suspected gunman Cole Allen opened fire near a security checkpoint at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

"We also send out a prayer of thanks that our president, nor anyone in the administration, nor anyone attending, was injured at last night's incident at the [White House] press correspondents' dinner," Springsteen told the crowd.



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Springsteen also condemned political violence directly.

"We can disagree. We can be critical of those in power, and we can peacefully fight for our beliefs. But there is no place in any way, shape, or form for political violence of any kind in our beloved United States," he said.

Those comments marked a dramatic shift in tone after years of blistering attacks against Trump and his administration, most recently during Springsteen's recent tour appearances.

Throughout his “Land of Hope and Dreams American Tour,” Springsteen repeatedly described the administration as “corrupt, incompetent, racist, reckless and treasonous” and labeled Trump “a president who can’t handle the truth.”

At a recent concert in Newark, New Jersey, Springsteen urged fans to choose “democracy over authoritarianism,” “truth over lies,” and “resistance over complacency.”

Praying for national leaders after a violent attack is commendable and reflects a needed rejection of political violence. But rhetoric matters. Public figures with massive platforms shape cultural emotions and political hostility. Years of portraying political opponents as existential threats, fascists or enemies of democracy helped fuel a climate where unstable individuals increasingly view violence as justified.

The attempted attack at the White House Correspondents’ Association Dinner exposed how overheated political rhetoric continues pushing the nation toward dangerous territory. Americans can fiercely debate policies and leadership without turning opponents into monsters.

Authorities arrested 31-year-old Cole Allen of California following the shooting. President Trump later praised the United States Secret Service and law enforcement officers who responded, saying they “acted incredibly.”

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