

Gavin Newsom Claims New Law Could Mean Prison for Trump and Other Americans Questioning California Election Process

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom of California on Tuesday raised the stakes of the midterm elections and the landscape for 2028 by issuing an implied threat of incarceration to President Donald Trump.

“Trump says voter fraud should land people in prison,” Newsom wrote on the social media platform X.

“Agreed,” the governor added. “And let’s start with the politicians spreading election lies with the goal of illegally interfering with counting ballots.”

Last week, California held open primaries, most notably for governor and Los Angeles mayor.

In the seven days since, mail-in ballots have slowly altered projected results.



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For instance, in the Los Angeles mayoral race, election-night projections showed former reality TV star Spencer Pratt advancing to a November runoff against incumbent Democratic Mayor Karen Bass. Now, however, progressive City Councilwoman Nithya Raman looks poised to advance.

Meanwhile, the largest U.S. state continues counting ballots at a snail’s pace that even prominent liberals have

criticized.

This banana republic-like method of conducting an election has raised suspicions, notably from Trump. The president, of course, has always maintained that Democrats used mail-in ballots to cheat him out of the 2020 election.

Newsom, however, was not finished making threats.

“In California, I just signed a law making that punishable with up to 3 years behind bars. More to come. FAF0, Donald,” the governor concluded.

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– Gavin Newsom (@GavinNewsom) June 9, 2026

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