

# Trump Demands Probe of Celebs Who Backed Harris

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President Donald Trump's latest tirade marks a new chapter in what critics call one of modern history's angriest and most vengeful post-election victory laps. Despite reclaiming the White House, Trump and his inner circle continue to lash out—not at rivals in government, but at celebrities who backed his 2024 opponent, Vice President Kamala Harris. In a series of overnight social media posts filled with capital letters and accusations, Trump called for a federal investigation into pop and cultural icons Beyoncé, Oprah Winfrey, Bruce Springsteen, and Bono. The reason: their support for Harris during the campaign. Trump baselessly accused them of being “illegally compensated” under the guise of performance or production contracts, calling the endorsements “a desperate effort to artificially build up her sparse crowds.” “Candidates aren't allowed to pay for ENDORSEMENTS,” Trump wrote. “This was a very expensive and desperate ef-

fort... IT'S NOT LEGAL!” Springsteen was already in Trump's cross-hairs after criticizing the administration during a concert in England, calling it “corrupt, in-

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competent, and treasonous.” Trump fired back by attacking the New Jersey rock legend's appearance, labeling him a “dried out prune of a rocker” who should “KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT.” Springsteen didn't stay silent. During his next performance, he fired back. “Donald Trump is an unfit president who persecutes people for exercising free speech,” the “Born in the U.S.A.” singer insisted. That response only fueled Trump's fury. In another outburst, the president accused Springsteen—along with

Beyoncé, Winfrey, and Bono—of violating campaign finance laws. The Harris campaign, which raised over \$1 billion, has disclosed payments to Beyoncé's Parkwood Entertainment (\$165,000) and Oprah's Harpo Productions (\$1 million). Both companies confirmed the funds covered staff and production costs, not personal payments. Oprah addressed the issue directly. “I did not receive any personal fee,” she wrote online. “However, the people who worked on that production needed to be paid. And were. End of story.” Beyoncé's mother also publicly defended her daughter, calling the rumors “fake news” and stating unequivocally, “She did not receive a penny.”

Still, Trump appears determined to weaponize the Department of Justice against entertainers who oppose him. “At 1:34 AM, Trump called for DOJ to investigate Kamala Harris, Beyoncé, Springsteen, Oprah, and others for crimes,” said Ron Filipkowski, editor of MeidasTouch.com. “Then he made another deranged post about it at 9:11 AM.” Critics say the president's obsession with silencing his critics



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has become more than a personality trait—it's a strategy. “Trump isn't threatening Beyoncé, Springsteen, Bono, and Oprah because he expects them to be charged with anything,” said Navy veteran Jared Ryan

Sears. “He is threatening them to intimidate others from speaking up or supporting his opposition. That is because Trump fears your voice; he fears the power of the people.” Fox News contributor and host Jessica

Tarlov added, “Donald Trump spent the night ranting about investigating Beyoncé so that you would forget that House Republicans just moved a bill forward that would cut Medicaid. Don't let them get away with it.”

## ‘Ballet the Black Way: Honoring Roots, Inspiring Dreams’ Offers Summer Programs for Youth

Meet and Greet with Jill Giedt to be held Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Albina Arts



Photo courtesy Jill Giedt

The community is invited to learn about PassinArt's new Summer Camp and reserve a spot. Summer programs are now open for enrollment and will run July through August. The Meet & Greet is a wonderful opportunity to hear directly from Jill Giedt, the founder and artistic director of Ballet the Black Way, and learn how your child can join this inspiring program this summer. During the meet-and-greet, Jill will also share her personal story, vision,

and the reasons why she started Ballet the Black Way—creating a program rooted in culture, creativity, and community.

### What to Expect at the Meet & Greet:

- Meet the founder and see the new community space at the Albina Art Center, 16 NE Killingsworth.
- Learn more about the summer camp and how your child can be part of it. Register and learn more at <http://JillGiedt.com>.

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