

## Lock them up

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As the Guardian notes in an email this morning:

*A catastrophic security leak has triggered outrage in US politics after senior Trump administration officials accidentally [broadcast highly sensitive military plans through a Signal group chat](#) with a journalist reading along. The stunning breach implicates key figures in the Trump administration including the vice-president, JD Vance.*

This is, of course, utterly incompetent, but what it also shows is that the incompetence is deep-seated within the Trump administration.

The only appropriate response is 'lock them up' for breaching the Espionage Act, but I know that is not going to happen.

The age of one law for them and another for the rest has most definitely arrived.