

## Democrat's Tea Party Reception for Doris – campaign speech

Thank you.

You have heard so many people say that this is the most important election of our lives.

That is what it is.

An American empire is in the making, and it is not ours. It is a creature of multinational corporations and a powerful elite, who usurp our government and its military and its police and its prisons for their purposes. They ruin our good name in the world, and they march our children off to commercial wars.

If it were a movie, it would be a good one. And you are in it and are the heroes who are fighting to save democracy.

I do not overstate the situation. Our Bill of Rights has been damaged and we are now in danger of being hauled away without lawyer or hearing. Bombs fall on the houses of people in countries who have done us no harm and meant us no harm, but who had too much oil for their own good. So children die, and our own young men and women die, and we make new enemies for ourselves so that more may die and the politics of fear may prosper, and all the businesses of fear may prosper.

This is one of America's great moral crises.

We are working for democracy and for a politics that serves people, not a politics that divides and exploits people. We walk, we talk, we work, we canvas, we call, we protest, we cajole, we work until we drop for

the reason that we see an America of our dreams and not of our nightmares, and we will not sit by and let our dream be killed by the right wing storm troopers of the empire.

Young and old we come to do joyful battle. The most important election of our lives? It is that. And we should look around and see the faces of our friends here, for this is a time of great history and we are here together for a great reason.

Thank you.