

# Ted Cruz leads conservative outrage at Sam Smith's 'Satanic' Grammys performance

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[Sam Smith](#) sparked fury among conservatives last night after they lit up the Grammy's stage with a Satan-inspired rendition of the hit-song 'Unholy'.

Numerous conservative figureheads have fired back following the hellish performance, with Texas Senator [Ted Cruz](#) branding the musical number 'evil'.

Smith took to the stage at the annual awards show dressed in red with a horned top hat, as they performed their chart-topping song in front of stars including [Beyoncé](#) and [Dr Dre](#).

Their performance, accompanied by frequent collaborator Kim Petras, was also adorned by fire and backup dancers dressed as the Devil.

Smith and Petras won the award for best pop duo/ group performance at the awards show, with Petras becoming the first transgender woman to win a Grammy while Smith became the first non-binary winner.

Sam Smith's Satan-inspired Grammy's performance caused backlash from conservatives

Smith performed with frequent collaborator Kim Petras, left, during the controversial set

Following the set, several conservative leaders and media figures argued that the act is the latest chapter in the culture wars controversy, suggesting a woke inclination towards Satanism.

Taking to Twitter to hit out at the performance, several conservative elected officials slammed the awards show for allowing the act to be shown on TV.

Senator Cruz said: 'This... is... evil.'

In follow-up posts, the GOP politician took the opportunity to take shots at embattled President Joe Biden and the Democratic party, where joked the act was a 'preview of the DNC Convention.'

'Meet the new White House Press Secretary,' he added.

Cruz's outrage at Smith's act was echoed by Republican Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene, who criticized the performance being 'sponsored by Pfizer.'

'American Christians need to get to work,' she said.

Texas Senator Ted Cruz, left, led the conservative charge against Sam Smith's Devil-inspired performance

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GOP Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene was among those who were offended by Smith's performance. Conservative blogger and documentary filmmaker Matt Walsh, a frequent proponent of 'traditional values', also took aim at the singer.

'It's not surprising to see a Satanic ritual at the Grammy's,' he said.

'Satanism is the worship of the self. Much of modern pop music is Satanic in this sense. Leftism is Satanism. The only change is that now they're being more explicit about it.'

Podcast host Liz Wheeler was another public figure to take offense at the Grammy's act, as she directly likened Smith's performance to culture war controversies.

'Don't fight the culture wars, they say. Meanwhile, demons are teaching your kids to worship Satan,' she said.

'I could throw up.'

The performance also angered radio-show host Darvio Morrow, who said the act was 'dangerous.'

He said: 'I'm not sharing the video of that abomination at the Grammys. But I will say this: there's nothing risky & avant-garde about promoting Satan.'

'That doesn't make you edgy. That makes you a dangerous fool. Conservatives you better get serious about influencing the culture.'

Conservative blogger Matt Walsh also took aim at the performance, where he equated Satanism with 'leftism'

Podcast host Liz Wheeler compared the controversial performance to common culture wars debates

Radio host Darvio Morrow slammed Smith's performance as 'dangerous'

Petras told reporters after the performance that the music set was intended to make a point about 'not being able to choose religion.'

She said: 'I think a lot of people, honestly, have kind of labeled what I stand for and what Sam stands for as religiously not cool, and I personally grew up wondering about religion and wanting to be a part of it but slowly realizing it didn't want me to be a part of it.'

'So it's a take on not being able to choose religion.'

'And not being able to live the way that people might want you to live because as a trans person, I'm already not kind of wanted in religion.'

'So we were doing a take on that, and I was kind of hell keeper Kim.'

Other big winners on the night included Beyonce, who made history by winning four Grammys which brought her career total to a record-setting 33.

However, she missed out on the biggest win of the night, as Harry Styles won the award got Album of the Year.

Styles also won Best Pop Vocal Album during the Sunday evening ceremony, hosted by Trevor Noah and held at Crypto.com Arena in downtown Los Angeles.

Other big winners were Lizzo, who took home Record of the Year while Samara Joy took home the coveted