

“How dangerous does Cicero want Catilina to seem?”

Look at

<https://salve.runnymede-college.com/impressionCatilina.pdf>

Also:

<https://salve.runnymede-college.com/impressionCicero.pdf>

which you also have on paper!

He has **two reasons** to paint Catilina as dangerous.

He is talking in this speech about :

- i) what he, Cicero, has done*
- ii) what still has to be done*

1. He is **seeking approval** for what he did the day before - “forcing” Catilina to leave Rome - for which he could have been criticised:

a) Catilina had done/planned to do terrible things - what? He is also totally immoral.

b) The other senators had approved of Cicero’s attack on Catilina.

c) His departure showed that Catilina was planning to leave anyway - how did Cicero “know” this (*plans for military action already made - he says*)

SO, he wants to give the impression that **he has achieved a lot** by forcing Catilina to “reveal” himself (*everyone now knows!*) and to leave Rome (*he is not as dangerous as before!*)

2. BUT Cicero **may need to take further action in Rome** - where Catilina still has “supporters”; and there are hostile groups in other parts of Italy - and for this he needs the support of people in Rome whom he is also claiming to have “saved” already! Some of these might have been tempted to support Catilina.

He tries to make it sound as if there is danger, but not much. And that supporting any action by Catilina will fail, and will be dangerous for those involved.

Write an answer to “**How dangerous does Cicero want Catilina to seem?**” in 250 words.