THROW SOMEONE...

IDIOMS

Throw someone under the bus



to do something harmful to someone else in order to gain an advantage for yourself.

- She really threw him under the bus by suggesting that he had stolen the information.
- He was furious after realizing his best friend had thrown him under the bus to impress their boss.

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Throw someone to the dogs



to allow someone to be criticized or attacked, often in order to protect yourself from being criticized or attacked:

- I really felt as if I'd been thrown to the dogs just to save other people's reputations.
- The disgraced politician was thrown to the dogs by his own party after the scandal broke.
- He will trick you, use you, and throw you to the dogs. He'll do anything to save his own skin.

Throw someone to the lions (also feed someone to the lions)



to put someone, or allow someone to be put, into a very unpleasant or difficult situation without helping them, especially as a way of protecting yourself:

- In my opinion, he was thrown to the lions before being given the chance to explain himself.
- I thought I had been fed to the lions but many witnesses came forward to defend me.

Throw someone to the wolves



To leave someone to face difficult or hostile circumstances without help or protection.

- The company threw him to the wolves by making him handle the angry clients alone.
- Instead of supporting the rookie player, the coach threw him to the wolves during the championship game.