

Biden Faces Backlash After Calling Trump Supporters 'Garbage'

President Joe Biden appeared to call Trump supporters "garbage" in a Zoom call with the organization Voto Latino.

The comment was made in reference to comedian Tony Hinchcliffe's joke, which called Puerto Rico a "floating island of garbage."

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"Donald Trump has no character. He doesn't [care] about the Latino community. He's failed a businessman. He only cares about the billionaire friends he had and accumulated wealth for those at the top," Biden said. "Puerto Rico, where I'm in my home state of Delaware. They're good, decent, honorable people. The only garbage I see floating out there is his supporters. His demonization is seen as unconscionable, and it's un-American."

Biden then claimed his "garbage" comment was made in reference to "hateful rhetoric."

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"Earlier today I referred to the hateful rhetoric about Puerto Rico spewed by Trump's supporter at his Madison Square Garden rally as garbage—which is the only word I can think of to describe it," Biden wrote on X. "His demonization of Latinos is unconscionable. That's all I meant to say. The comments at that rally don't reflect who we are as a nation."

White House spokesperson Andrew Bates doubled down on the claim, asserting that Biden “referred to the hateful rhetoric at the Madison Square Garden rally as ‘garbage.’”



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Former President Donald Trump responded to the comment in Pennsylvania, saying, “You remember Hillary, she said deplorable, then she said irredeemable, right, but she said deplorable, that didn’t work out. Garbage, I think garbage is worse, right?”

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