

Republicans Insist on Trump Apology for Hosting Kanye West, Known Antisemite for Dinner

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There's growing backlash against former President Donald Trump over his dinner with an anti-Semitic activist.

The former president is facing criticism for meeting with Nick Fuentes, an outspoken white nationalist and anti-Semite.

Trump blames the rapper formerly known as Kanye West, for bringing Fuentes to the dinner and claims he did not know who he was. He released a series of statements Friday trying to explain the circumstances of the meeting.

"Kanye West very much wanted to visit Mar-a-Lago. Our dinner meeting was intended to be Kanye and me only, but he arrived with a guest whom I had never met and knew nothing about," Trump said in his first statement released by his campaign.

Not long after, Trump took to his social media network to say that West and "three of his friends, whom I knew nothing about" had "unexpectedly showed up" at his club.

"We had dinner on Tuesday evening with many members present on the back patio. The dinner was quick and uneventful. They then left for the airport," he wrote.

The 24-year-old Fuentes is a Holocaust denier, and one of the most prominent white supremacists in the country.

West has also been under fire for recent anti-Semitic statements of his own.

Some Republicans, including Trump's former vice president, are calling him out about the dinner meeting.

"President Trump was wrong to give a white nationalist, an anti-Semite and a Holocaust denier, a seat at the table, and I think he should apologize for it," former Vice President Mike Pence said during an exclusive interview with NewsNation.

Trump's former Ambassador to Israel David Friedman called the visit "unacceptable" and urged Trump to disavow both West and Fuentes.

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