

# [***FACT CHECK: Did Trump Forget His Wife's Name During CPAC Speech?; The video was taken out of context***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BG9-D8X1-JBFB-H4YX-00000-00&context=1516831)

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[*Link to Image*](https://cdn01.dailycaller.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/GettyImages-2026030761-scaled-e1708635373540.jpg)

A video [*shared on social media*](https://twitter.com/poppo2023a/status/1761565959062519886) purports former President Donald Trump called his wife by the wrong name during a speech.

TRUMP CAN'T REMEMBER HIS WIFES NAME. TRUMP IS SENIAL. [*https://t.co/5GowhQIpGl*](https://t.co/5GowhQIpGl)

- POPPO (@poppo2023a) [*February 25, 2024*](https://twitter.com/poppo2023a/status/1761565959062519886?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

**Verdict: False**

The claim is inaccurate. The video was taken out of context.

**Fact Check:**

Trump and President Joe Biden both visited the U.S.-Mexico border recently, The [*Washington Post*](https://www.washingtonpost.com/elections/2024/02/29/trump-biden-border-visit-2024-election/) reported. Trump met with Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott on Thursday and Trump gave a speech denouncing Biden's handling of the border.

A post shared on X, formerly known as Twitter, shows Trump during a recent CPAC speech. The video shows him refer to his wife Melania and then apparently refer to her as Mercedes.

The caption reads, “You won't see this reported on Fox News or in the NY Times because they're all busy calling President Biden old. But here's Trump calling his wife, Melania, 'Mercedes.'”

The claim is inaccurate. The video was taken out of context. The [*full video*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoXKP55cC9Y) shows that Trump was talking to Mercedes Schlapp who was in attendance at the event. Schlapp worked in the Trump White House as director of strategic communications and [*referenced*](https://www.youtube.com/live/KoXKP55cC9Y?feature=shared&t=68) her earlier in the speech.

Biden also used the out of context clip to attack [*Trump's cognitive ability*](https://twitter.com/joebiden/status/1763210154575548687?s=46&t=_SBps_6l8pJpvMTuSvyAeQ). He captioned the video saying, “Donald, man. Check the tape.” [***(RELATED: Fact Checking Biden's Recent Claims About Wage Growth, Inflation)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/02/23/fact-check-biden-wage-growth-inflation/)

Donald, man. Check the tape. [*pic.twitter.com/PwXb9iqP4j*](https://t.co/PwXb9iqP4j)

- Joe Biden (@JoeBiden) [*February 29, 2024*](https://twitter.com/JoeBiden/status/1763210154575548687?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

This is not the first time misinformation has been shared online. Check Your Fact [*debunked*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/02/28/fact-check-johnnie-cochran-die-mysteriously-lawsuit-reparations/) a claim that Johnnie Cochran died mysteriously after support reparations.

**Graphic**

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA - FEBRUARY 20: Republican presidential candidate, former U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a Fox News town hall at the Greenville Convention Center on February 20, 2024 in Greenville, South Carolina. South Carolina holds its Republican primary on February 24. (Photo by Justin Sullivan/Getty Images)

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