

# [***FACT CHECK: Does This Video Show Scottish Soccer Players Chanting "We Hate Catholics"?***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BKY-2R01-DXXD-70GK-00000-00&context=1516831)

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[*Link to Image*](https://cdn01.dailycaller.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Soccer_Ball-e1596797100622.jpg)

A post [*shared on social media*](https://twitter.com/JBatlord/status/1761481370256253423) purportedly shows Heart of Midlothian, a Scottish Premiership team, shouting an anti-Catholic chant.

I've just been sent this video from inside the Hearts dressing room from Ibrox. Is this real?!? [*#JamTarts*](https://twitter.com/hashtag/JamTarts?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) [*#RangersFC*](https://twitter.com/hashtag/RangersFC?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) [*pic.twitter.com/2rPl6uXGo3*](https://t.co/2rPl6uXGo3)

- 1690 (@JBatlord) [*February 24, 2024*](https://twitter.com/JBatlord/status/1761481370256253423?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

**Verdict: False**

The claim is inaccurate.

**Fact Check:**

Former President Barack Obama visited the U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, making this their first time meeting, [*Politico*](https://www.politico.eu/article/barack-obama-uk-prime-minister-rishi-sunak-downing-street/) reported. The former American President was in the U.K. for his non-profit the Obama Foundation.

A post shared on X, formerly known as Twitter, alleges that the Heart of Midlothian were chanting “We hate Catholics, everybody hates Roman Catholics.” in the locker room after a game. The low-quality video shows the men jumping around as the camera moves rapidly.

The caption reads, “I've just been sent this video from inside the Hearts dressing room from Ibrox. Is this real?!?”

The claim is inaccurate. The audio dates back to [*2017*](https://twitter.com/mareorless/status/858404094423314436) and has a different video. The incident occurred after rival soccer teams Rangers and Celtic played, [*The Scottish Sun*](https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/943250/rangers-celtic-trainspotting-2-anti-catholic-clip-viral/) reported. Rangers fans are mostly Protestant, while Celtics are Catholic, according to [*Reuters*](https://www.reuters.com/fact-check/we-hate-catholics-audio-dubbed-scottish-soccer-video-2024-03-19/). The video appears to be fans chanting after a match, not players in the locker room.

Running just as fast as we can [*pic.twitter.com/dKFlgMcFdM*](https://t.co/dKFlgMcFdM)

- . (@mareorless) [*April 29, 2017*](https://twitter.com/mareorless/status/858404094423314436?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

The video in the locker room that was posted dates back to [*2020*](https://www.instagram.com/p/CHBVmfFgfHS/) when Hearts player Michael Smith posted the video on his Instagram. The video shows them singing along with a Spanish song. [***(RELATED: Fact Checking Biden's Recent Claims About Wage Growth, Inflation)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/02/23/fact-check-biden-wage-growth-inflation/)

View this post on Instagram [*A post shared by Michael Smith (@m\_smith1988)*](https://www.instagram.com/p/CHBVmfFgfHS/?utm_source=ig_embed&utm_campaign=loading)

This is not the first time misinformation has been shared online. Check Your Fact [*debunked*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/03/19/fact-check-cannibals-haiti-special-effects-artist/) a claim that a video showed cannibals in Haiti.

**Graphic**

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