

'Trump taxes Americans to retaliate': Outrage as President makes Americans 'pay even more'

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Trump said he was imposing "emergency" tariffs and other measures on Colombia after the country turned away at least two deportation flights. It was reported by CNN that Colombia "caught Trump officials by surprise when they abruptly rejected two military flights bound for the country carrying migrants."

The tariff order was highlighted by experts and critics online.

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Justin Wolfers, a noted economist, said, "Trump taxes Americans to retaliate at Colombia."

Democratic lawmaker Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said, "To 'punish' Colombia, Trump is about to make every American pay even more for coffee."

"Remember: *WE* pay the tariffs, not Colombia," she added. "Trump is all about making inflation WORSE for working class Americans, not better. He's lining the pockets of himself and the billionaire class."

Fellow Democratic lawmaker Ruben Gallego also chimed in, saying, "This was resolved before the Trump administration issued their terror threat."

"Colombia has stopped millions of migrants from coming to the US. Trump's strategy of antagonizing our allies is not smart policy—it just endangers decades of partnership with Colombia," Gallego added. "We can't act like this is some sort of 3D chess. This could've been handled with a simple phone call."

Republicans against Trump said, "This is what isolationism looks like."

"It's not going to end well," the group added Sunday.

