



Rep. Tom Emmer on Fox & Friends

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candidate sounding off as Colorado bans Donald Trump from the primary ballot. So what role can Congress play in stopping it? House Majority Whip Tom Emmer joins us now. Congressman, thanks so much for joining the program. I want to address a portion of the report, as they say in Section F of it. Donald Trump says, look, they shouldn't have used January 6th report in the investigation here. And the court goes in the defensive and it says, look, there was Republicans on that committee. There was a Republican in the staff and they say that the report was, quote, trustworthy. What do you stand on the report being used as a premise in this investigation from the Supreme Court in Colorado?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, first off, Lawrence, thanks for having me. And let's just put it on the table right away. Voters should decide elections, not liberal activist judges. But look, the Nancy Pelosi committee that was set up to study this thing and do a report was a sham. It was a one sided deal. They like to say they were Republicans, but there were a couple of people on that committee that were very they were leaving the Congress and they were leaving the Republican Party, quite frankly. So regardless of how you want to look at that, you've got all Democrats appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court. And they've ruled four to three that somehow Donald Trump should not be allowed on the ballot because of the 14th Amendment. You've already had five states, Lawrence, throw this ridiculous thing out. This is election interference. And really, I think our Supreme Court will take care of it in short order.

LAWRENCE:

The Supreme Court here in Colorado said that these were duly elected Republicans and there were Republican staff members. I think you can look at their public statements and see where they fell on if they liked or disliked Donald Trump before that. I want to move on to this, though, because Senator Tillis is threatening to withhold election funds from states for the misuse of the 14th Amendment. Explain how that process would go. Do you see that actually happening?

REP. TOM EMMER:

You know, the Senate can do some things to delay funds, I'm sure. But Lawrence, we do not want Congress running our state based election system. That's exactly what Democrats would like. They would like to have it all happen out of Washington, D.C., because it'd be easier to control. The state based system works. And I think we have to trust in our Supreme Court to actually do the work. The U.S. Supreme Court that decides constitutional issues, by the way, U.S. constitutional issues. And I have a feeling that they'll tell this state court very shortly that that decision is flawed. We're not going to let a partisan court interfere with the election and Donald Trump will be restored to the ballot.

LAWRENCE:



I only got about 10 seconds, Congressman, real quickly. How do you think this impacts the Republican primary here? Do you think this only, you know, puts more pressure on the other candidates to get out and solidify and coalesce behind Donald Trump?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, it definitely puts the former president in an even stronger position because people believe in fairness. Americans, regardless of what your political persuasion is, believe in fairness. And clearly, this smacks of something other than fairness, and that's going to benefit the former president.

LAWRENCE:

Yeah, it just begs the question, why are they trying to take him out before the election? Do they not think they can win against Donald Trump? We'll see. We'll be following. Congressman, thanks so much for getting up early for us.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Thank you, Lawrence.

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