



## Rep. Tom Emmer on The Faulkner Focus

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### FAULKNER:

Tom Emmer, House Majority Whip and Republican Congressman of the great state of Minnesota, is with me now. And of course, returning it to greatness is what everybody is focusing on right now, with a whole lot of chaos going on on the ground in the Twin Cities. First of all, I want to get your response to what happened at CitiesChurch on Sunday.

### EMMER:

Totally unacceptable, Harris. Thank you for having me. Thanks for reporting on this. God bless President Trump and JD Vance for bringing the attention they brought to the lawlessness that we have in the Twin Cities. Entering into a church and disrupting a faith community in the practice of their faith is totally unacceptable. Hats off to Pam Bondi. The organizer of that so-called protest was arrested this morning. I understand a school board member from the city of Saint Paul was arrested as well. Hopefully there will be others. The way this is going to end is you gotta start honoring the rule of law. 2. Law enforcement has to work together—it's very sad what's happening in our state, but I'm hopeful that it's going to settle down very soon. People are going to come to their senses. And let's point out: the people that you're seeing in these videos, the vast majority of them, I'm going to tell you, I do not believe are from Minnesota. These are organized chaos agents. These are agitators that are paid. The vast majority of Minnesotans that I know that are talking to me, they appreciate the fact that federal law enforcement has arrived and they are happy they're there picking up rapists, murderers, child sex offenders. I mean, that's the story that needs to get out. Tim Walz and Keith Ellison allowed these people to walk our streets for years in spite of deportation orders and convictions, and finally the federal government is doing the job that they refused to do.

### FAULKNER:

Yeah, you know what's hard to believe—and you mentioned that school board member—I checked her profile out. She has a job that deals with children. There were children who were frightened inside that church. And I am looking at this background of Chantal Allen, who is the person who was arrested along with the other who they suspect helped organize all of this. I mean, these are people actually in the community. Your reaction to that?

### EMMER:

When you got leaders like Tim Walz and Keith Ellison, you got a poor excuse for a Mayor in Minneapolis, woke prosecutors who would rather prosecute cops instead of criminals, I'm not surprised that these people are encouraged to make these stupid decisions, which clearly don't fit with what their background is. But now you hold them accountable. That's the key. You want to break the law? You want to go after someone's faith community? You violated federal law. You're going to be charged, and hopefully you're convicted, and people see that you can't do this—you're going to be held accountable.



## **FAULKNER:**

A New op-ed says this: "When Christians are under attack, Keith Ellison"—that's the AG of Minnesota—"looks the other way." The Minnesota Attorney General denied that the angry mob broke federal law in that horrible church storming. A former pastor of that church and friend of the head pastor there, who was preaching at the time when all this happened, was with me in Focus yesterday. [CLIP PLAYS]

## **PASTOR RIGNEY:**

"Every town in this country is filled with people like this who want to worship Jesus, love one another, serve their neighbors, seek the good of their cities. To have these lawless demonstrators, these lawless agitators, come in, take over the service, yell, scream, frighten children—it was absolutely appalling. And I think it's appalling that the state officials there and the mayor seem to not be concerned about it."

## **FAULKNER:**

Pastor Rigney speaking the truth there. Look, the AG says the mob did not violate any clearly stated laws. Well, actually, clearly they did. They were violating the attempt to interfere—or they were perpetrating—the attempt to interfere with a lawful gathering in a place of religious worship, and that is prohibited.

## **EMMER:**

It is, Harris. But there's another thing he said: "It did not violate the First Amendment." This is what they do, they keep going to talking points. Keith Ellison is a lawyer. He's our Attorney General. He's an embarrassment. He would prefer to prosecute cops and defend criminals rather than doing his job. And by the way, when you suggest that interrupting a faith community during their worshiping is an exercise in your First Amendment rights, I would suggest you get a refresher course in law, because he clearly didn't learn it. He certainly doesn't understand it.

## **FAULKNER:**

Or go back to ninth grade civics and study the Constitution. Those federal agents also were focused on Minnesota's massive fraud scandal, so there's a lot going on in your state right now. That was the topic of a House hearing yesterday, and a key witness—independent journalist Nick Shirley, whose videos magnified attention to the fraud—testified. He laid out what he calls a "mountain of red flags" apparently ignored by Minnesota Democrat leaders. Watch.

## **NICK SHIRLEY [CLIP]:**

"People like Governor Tim Walz called people like me a white supremacist, delusional conspiracy theorist. He actually decided to drop out of reelection because, I believe, of how deep and extensive this fraud is. I made this video to document the widespread fraud that has been taking place, as I truly believe all fraud is bad, and people like me, my generation, we're sick of seeing tax dollars go towards fraud."

## **FAULKNER:**

The debate isn't just playing out in Congress. It's exploding across the culture as well. Author and human rights activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali, who was born in Somalia, says the West is being overwhelmed, and she says President Trump is right to sound the alarm on that. Ayaan Hirsi Ali [CLIP]: "Trying to erase that culture that has made us so wealthy and so powerful is wrong, and Trump is right. And in this case, I think he's using the bully pulpit of the office of the president to get that point across." Faulkner: Congressman, I want to hear all about your legislation to strip naturalized citizenship from convicted fraudsters, terrorists, and felons. Tell us about it.



## EMMER:

Absolutely. First off, I want to compliment you for playing Nick Shirley: that young man found more fraud in a matter of hours than Tim Walz and Keith Ellison have found in seven years. And you know why? It's because he looked for it. They refused. They've looked the other way. There are whistleblowers out there that say Tim Walz and Keith Ellison were told about the fraud when it was happening, that they not only ignored the whistleblower, they retaliated against him. This will all be exposed in an upcoming grand jury that I hope our U.S. attorneys are going to hold. But going forward, I have authored something called the SCAM Act. The naturalization laws in this country already provide that if you commit, for instance, marriage fraud to circumvent immigration laws, it doesn't matter if you've been naturalized as a U.S. citizen—you can be denaturalized. What we are doing is expanding that law to include someone who commits an aggravated felony, someone who is involved in espionage, somebody who's connected with a terrorist group, and somebody who defrauds the generosity of the American people. I've got news for you, if you come to this country and you want to live lying, cheating, stealing, and not assimilate and become an American, you can be denaturalized and you should be sent back to where you came from.

## FAULKNER:

Real quickly, is that because it would appear that that's an act of citizen sedition? I mean, to work against us, to use our tax money against us?

## EMMER:

I look at it this way: Citizenship is not a right. It's a privilege. You come to this country because it's the greatest country on the face of the planet to chase your version of the American dream. If you came here from a country where you have to lie, cheat, and steal to survive, like Somalia, and you continue to live lying, cheating, stealing, and take advantage of Americans' generosity, I don't care what your purpose is—you do not deserve to be a citizen of this country, and you should be denaturalized and sent back to where you came from.

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