



Rep. Tom Emmer on THE BRIAN KILMEADE SHOW – DECEMBER 17, 2025

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BRIAN KILMEADE:

The one person probably not surprised by it but glad is finally coming out is majority whip Tom Emmer of Minnesota the sixth district. Congressman, welcome back. You know, we discussed this when you were in studio last time, but this is at least a billion dollars and it's 95% from the Somali community. How did they pull this off? How did we just now become aware of this?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, great to be with you again, Brian. And I just have to open by saying thank you to you and all of your colleagues at Fox News for talking about this issue. It's amazing. As I told you when we last met, we've been trying to sound the alarm on this fraud for 3 years. It goes way beyond the largest pandemic fraud case in the country called the feeding our future scandal which was 250 million. And like you point out the numbers a billion dollars and they're continuing to count. You got Medicaid housing fraud. You got daycare fraud. You fraud everywhere. And by the way, you may not know this, but Tim Walz, who's been our governor in Minnesota for 7 years, on Friday, last Friday, Brian, he decided to create a new government position for someone to deal with the fraud. 7 years too late. Wow. And by the way, the coverage that we're talking about, our worthless newspaper in Minnesota, the leading headline was Walz trying to get ahead of the fraud.

BRIAN KILMEADE:

What a joke. I mean,

REP. TOM EMMER:

it totally is. They're still trying to cover for him.

BRIAN KILMEADE:

And how much does this matter? Not to you, but if you go ahead and say, "Hey, what's going on with the feeding the future program? What's going on with the autistic children's program? what's going on with the millions of dollars going into this community and their ads leaving this country? What's happening here? They say, "Well, are you picking on me because I'm racist? Is it because I'm black? Is that why you're coming after me?" And it just freezes people in their boots and they go, "Okay, you know, maybe I don't need to be called a racist." So, they just let it go or they pay off that person to not bring it up again.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Yeah, Brian, you remember in our history, we've referred to the Italian mob. We've referred to the Irish mob. I mean, this just happens to be, as you point out, over 90% of the people being charged with these crimes with the fraud in Minnesota happen to come from the Somali community. Calling out a criminal is not racist. And



that's where Tim Walz and Ilhan Omar get off. Tim's trying to say, "These are our neighbors." Well, I got news for you. If you're my neighbor and you're breaking the law, I want you held accountable. And I will call you out for what you are, which is a criminal. And look, you asked me earlier, how does this happen? It happens. I would go back to 2017 2018. We had a Democrat in the attorney general's office named Lorie Swanson. She was investigating and prosecuting Somali daycare fraud. Brian, she ran for the Democrat nomination to run for governor against Tim Walz. When Tim Walz won, he and Keith Ellison, who gave us Ilhan Omar, Keith became our new attorney general. The first action Keith took as attorney general was there will be no more investigations without my express approval. Look—

BRIAN KILMEADE:

That's an important point.

REP. TOM EMMER:

It is a very important because here's the other piece. These guys need that community, especially the criminal element, to vote for them. Otherwise, they don't get elected. There's about 80,000 Somali in Minnesota. You've got Tim Walz and Keith Ellison cannot get votes from greater Minnesota. In fact, Tim Walz only won 13 of 87 counties. Literally—

BRIAN KILMEADE:

Put him in office.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Yeah. Keith Ellison won by less than a point. So these are the votes that get them over the top. And if you're purposely looking the other way, you're complicit. Our US attorney has said that the fraud goes all the way to the highest level of government. So, Brian, you can figure out who that is right now. We need to find out who was complicit and they need to be held accountable. And I tell you what, if our governor, if what the whistleblowers first, if the whistleblowers coming forward are real, and I think they are, and if they can document what they're claiming, which is that they not only told Tim Walz about the fraud, but he ignored them and then retaliated against him, if that can be documented, he should be prosecuted.

BRIAN KILMEADE:

So, quick thing, this just happened. Frustrated GOP moderates join Democrats to force an Obamacare extension vote. And you're talking about Rob Breznahan. You talk about Michael Lawler, Brian Fitzpatrick, and others. What's going on there? Are you against extending? Because I know Mike Johnson is against extending those Obamacare subsidies. Well, where I come from, and we should have been talking about this a lot more. This isn't about the subsidies. This is about the unaffordable care act. People got to be reminded, and I wouldn't put the former president's name on it at all. They called it the Affordable Care Act. They enacted it 14 years ago. When they did, they told us three things. One, you're going to keep your doctor. Two, you're going to have more choices. And three, it's going to lower your premiums. Brian, they're all for three. They broke the health.

BRIAN KILMEADE:

So, what's next? Well, I hear you, but what's next?



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