



# Rep. Tom Emmer on The Matt Gaetz Show – January 9, 2026

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## **MATT GAETZ:**

VIOLENT CRIMINALS BACK ONTO THE STREETS HERE IN MINNEAPOLIS. JOINING US NOW, THE WHIP OF THE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TOM EMMER. SO, CONGRESSMAN EMMER, THANKS FOR JOINING US AGAIN. YOU RAN FOR GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA BACK IN 2010. YOU CAME WITHIN A HALF A PERCENTAGE POINT OF BECOMING THE GOVERNOR OF THAT STATE. AND NOW WE'RE WATCHING YOUR NEIGHBORS REALLY BE CASTIGATED FOR ALL OF THIS FRAUD THAT THEY'VE HAD THEIR STATE ENDURE. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE PUT IN PLACE AS GOVERNOR THAT WOULD HAVE SPARED US THIS TERRIBLE MOMENT?

## **REP. TOM EMMER:**

WELL. GREAT TO BE WITH YOU, MATT, AND I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR YOUR SUCCESS. YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB. THANKS FOR BRINGING UP THE GOVERNOR'S RACE. AND FORGIVE ME, BUT MAYBE I'M STILL A LITTLE SENSITIVE. IT WAS ACTUALLY LESS THAN ONE HALF OF 1%. AND AS I'VE TOLD THE PRESIDENT, OUR FRIEND WHO SAID TO ME THE OTHER DAY, YOU KNOW, THEY GOT ME TWICE IN MINNESOTA, I UNDERSTAND THEY GOT YOU ONCE THEY DID, IT WAS 8100 BALLOTS. THEY STEAL IT IN MINNEAPOLIS. THAT'S WHAT THEY DO. AND IT WAS 2.1 MILLION. I DOUBT WE COULD GO INTO ALL THAT. WHAT WOULD I HAVE DONE? I WOULD HAVE PROSECUTED FRAUD. MATT, FIRST OFF, YOU'VE GOT THIS SOMALI POPULATION THAT HAS COME INTO MINNESOTA. THEY WEREN'T ALL SETTLED IN MINNESOTA. PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM, WHICH I ACTUALLY HAD A BILL TO PUT IT UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CONGRESS, NOT THE EXECUTIVE, BACK IN 2015, BECAUSE I WANT TO DECIDE WHO IS ALLOWED INTO THE COUNTRY THAT'S GOING TO COME TO MY STATE INSTEAD. BACK THEN, OBAMA WAS DOING IT, AND HE BRINGS IN THE POPULATION FROM SOMALIA, WHICH THEY HAVE TO LIE, CHEAT AND STEAL TO SURVIVE IN THAT COUNTRY. AND THEY BROUGHT THAT WITH THEM. ALL RIGHT. THEN THEY START CALLING ALL OF THEIR SIBLINGS AND, YOU KNOW, COLLEAGUES FROM SOMALIA IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. WHY, MATT? BECAUSE THEY FOUND OUT THAT MINNESOTA IS A VERY GENEROUS STATE, AND THEY STARTED CALLING ALL OF THEIR IMMIGRANT BUDDIES, TELLING THEM, YOU GOT TO COME TO THIS STATE. THEY GIVE YOU EVERYTHING. NOW LET'S FAST FORWARD A LITTLE BIT. IN 2017 AND 18, THEN ATTORNEY GENERAL LORI SWANSON, A DEMOCRAT, WAS INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING SOMALI DAYCARE FRAUD. OKAY. SHE RUNS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR THAT YEAR AGAINST TIM WALZ. AT THE SAME TIME, OUR FORMER COLLEAGUE ELLISON KEITH ELLISON RUNS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN KEITH ELLISON GETS ELECTED. AND BY THE WAY, SHE LOST TO TIM WALZ. SO WALZ GETS ELECTED AND SO DOES KEITH ELLISON, KEITH ELLISON'S FIRST ACT AS THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MINNESOTA. MATT WAS TO ANNOUNCE THERE WOULD BE NO MORE INVESTIGATIONS WITHOUT HIS



EXPRESS APPROVAL. GUESS WHAT? THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY INVESTIGATIONS IN SEVEN YEARS. AND YOU SAW A KID NAMED NICK SHIRLEY WHO GOT HE WAS THE INTERNET SUPERSTAR BECAUSE HE FOUND MORE FRAUD IN MINNESOTA IN A DAY. I WOULD ARGUE LESS THAN A DAY THAN KEITH ELLISON AND TIM WALZ HAVE FOUND IN SEVEN YEARS THIS THING LITERALLY WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO MATT AND YOUR YOU'RE REALLY GOOD WITH THE ELECTION SIDE OF THIS STUFF. THINK ABOUT THIS. THERE'S ABOUT 100,000 SOMALIS IN MINNESOTA, OKAY? TIM WALZ AND KEITH ELLISON CANNOT GET VOTES OUTSIDE OF THE TWIN CITY METRO AREA. IF I SHOWED YOU A PICTURE OF THE MAP THAT'S ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE FOR THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, LITERALLY, THERE'S ONE BLUE POCKET. IT'S MINNEAPOLIS AND SAINT PAUL, OKAY? THEY CAN'T WIN WITHOUT THAT. AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING, I BELIEVE, IS ELLISON WON HIS LAST REELECTION WITH LESS THAN A POINT IN WALZ HAD 52%. GUESS WHAT? THEY NEED THOSE VOTES TO WIN THEIR ELECTIONS. MATT. THAT'S WHAT THIS HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT. AND WHAT I HAVE DONE, LET'S JUST SAY WE WOULD HAVE BEEN HONEST.

**\*\*MATT GAETZ:**

\*\* WE SEE GOVERNOR WALZ NOW MOVING WELL PAST THE RHETORIC OF ELECTIONS TODAY. HE INVOKED THE CIVIL WAR AND SAID THAT MINNESOTANS HAD HELD THE LINE BEFORE AND HAD TO AGAIN. HE TALKED ABOUT HOW THE NATIONAL GUARD IN MINNESOTA WERE MINNESOTANS, AND THEY'VE NEVER BEEN AT WAR AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BEFORE. I GUESS I WOULD ASK YOU THE QUESTION THIS WAY AFTER, LIKE THE ELECTION OF 2020, DID YOU EVER HEAR ANY ELECTED REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS OR ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, USE INSURRECTIONIST LANGUAGE QUITE LIKE THE GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA IS USING NOW?

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* NOT AT ALL. I MEAN, HE LITERALLY SHOULD PROBABLY GO STUDY THE BIOGRAPHY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS, RIGHT. AND COMPANY, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING. AND BY THE WAY, MATT, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN POLITICAL DEFLECTION. THIS GUY IS IN TROUBLE. THERE ARE OVER A THOUSAND WHISTLEBLOWERS OUT THERE THAT CLAIM THAT THEY TOLD TIM WALZ ABOUT THE FRAUD WHILE IT WAS HAPPENING, AND THAT HE NOT ONLY IGNORED THEM, HE RETALIATED AGAINST MANY OF THEM. MATT, IF THAT'S TRUE, AND I TEND TO BELIEVE IT IS, BECAUSE ONE DAY HE'S ANNOUNCING HE'S NOT GOING TO SEEK HIS HISTORIC THIRD TERM, AND THE NEXT DAY HE'S GOT TO CALL ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE WITHIN 24 HOURS. I WILL NOT RESIGN. YOU KNOW, IT WAS AMAZING. BUT THEN THIS TRAGEDY TAKES PLACE IN MINNESOTA AND HE IS GOING ALL OUT. I MEAN, THE GOOD NEWS IS HE'S REALLY NOT A SMART MAN. AND HE THINKS HE'S SMARTER THAN MINNESOTANS AND AMERICANS. THEY'RE GOING TO SEE RIGHT THROUGH THIS STUFF, JUST LIKE THE LITTLE BOY TOY MAYOR IN MINNEAPOLIS WHO DECIDED TO DROP THE F BOMB. YOU KNOW, HE THINKS IT'S REALLY BIG TO TALK LIKE A POTTY MOUTH CHILD. IT DOESN'T WORK. THE VAST MAJORITY OF MINNESOTANS AMERICANS ARE STARTING TO SEE THROUGH THIS STUFF AGAIN ON THE SOMALI STUFF. MATT, IT'S REALLY INTERESTING, I'VE TRIED TO DEAL WITH THIS MANY DIFFERENT WAYS AT THIS POINT. I WISH YOU WERE HERE BECAUSE YOU WOULD JOIN ME. I'M GOING TO DROP A BILL THAT I SERIOUSLY, WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING IT NOW. I'M GOING TO DROP A BILL THAT IF YOU ARE, IF YOU COME TO THIS COUNTRY AS AN IMMIGRANT AND YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GENEROSITY OF AMERICANS AND IN MY CASE, MINNESOTANS, YOU RIP THEM OFF, YOU COMMIT FRAUD, ALL RIGHT? AND YOU DON'T WANT TO ASSIMILATE. GO HOME. YOU SHOULD BE DENATURALIZED AND YOU SHOULD BE SHIPPED BACK TO THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU CAME FROM. AND BY THE WAY, I'M



GOING TO SUGGEST THAT MARRIAGE FRAUD IS FRAUD. SO ILHAN ILHAN, YOU KNOW, THE TRUTH CAN SET SOME FREE, BUT IT MAY SEND HER HOME. WE'LL SEE.

**\*\*MATT GAETZ:**

\*\* WELL, THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCELLENT PIECE OF LEGISLATION. WE'LL FOLLOW IT CLOSELY. BEFORE I LET YOU GO, WHIP EMMER. THERE IS A GOVERNMENT FUNDING BATTLE GOING ON ON CAPITOL HILL. WE COUNT ON YOU TO TELL IT LIKE IT IS. WHAT ARE THE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS FIGHTING FOR, AND WHAT'S YOUR EXPECTATION ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF A SHUTDOWN?

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* WELL, MATT, YOU REMEMBER THERE WAS THIS ARGUMENT THAT IS HIGHLY CHARGED ON THE REPUBLICAN SIDE WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT SOME PEOPLE CALL ARTICLE ONE SPENDING AND OTHER PEOPLE MORE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS EARMARKS. ALL RIGHT. REPUBLICANS, A FEW YEARS AGO, YOU WERE STILL HERE, DECIDED IN THE HOUSE THAT WE WERE GOING TO DO THAT. RIGHT. THERE WAS A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE PARAMETERS ON IT. BOUNDARIES, RIGHT? IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SEWER AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES. WELL, THAT HASN'T BEEN DONE YET. SO WHAT HAPPENS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS IS THE DEMOCRAT REPUBLICAN GIVE AND TAKE IS NOT JUST ABOUT A TOP LINE, WHICH THEY SET BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WHICH WAS GOOD NEWS, RIGHT? THEY NOW KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND. IT'S ABOUT \$2 BILLION LESS. AND I REALIZE FOR YOUR VIEWERS THAT SPIT ON A HOT TAR ROAD WHEN WE TALK ABOUT 37 TRILLION IN DEBT AND EVERYTHING ELSE. BUT GIVE US A CHANCE BECAUSE AS WE GROW THE ECONOMY AND WIN THE MIDTERMS, WE'RE GOING TO FINISH THE JOB. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE NOT SPENDING MORE MONEY. WE ARE SPENDING LESS MONEY, ALL RIGHT. AND WE'RE PUTTING IN MORE REFORMS. BUT IT'S THIS BACK AND FORTH ABOUT SOME OF THESE EARMARKS AS PEOPLE LIKE TO call them and I'll give you one. Yesterday it came to light that somehow a million dollar earmark for Ilhan Omar had made it into the CJS Bill for some Somali Justice Fund. Wow, Good Luck. Not really.

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