Rep. Tom Emmer on The Benny Show

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BENNY JOHNSON:

And the stories like this and actions like this cut against. Wow. Goodness gracious. Look at that on the rooftops. OK, we're going to jump on over to Tom Emmer here. But yeah, just wild scenes on the rooftop. I mean, Tom Emmer has to live. Tom Emmer has to live here in Washington, D.C. He's the. GOP whip. There you go. Look at this dude. Completely kitted out, got a little net over his head. Block the sun. Block bugs or something from landing on his equipment. Look at that, dude. So you're getting your cup of coffee in the morning. And this is what you see. Well, this is what they want. There's also a massive building collapse in New York. No idea. You know, bad. This killed eight people. This happened last night. It's terrible. But there's like expect chaos to reign. It's going to be their tool. Chaos will be their weapon. They used it in 2018 through 2020 in order to derail Trump and in order to suck the oxygen out of the room. We mustn't give them. We mustn't give them vectors of attack and access to us in order to foment the chaos and to get the American people to just say, OK, just anything. I'll take anything other than this. Right. This is intolerable. Calm things down, focus on the economy and win. And focus on affordability and serving the American people and win. Populism, ladies and gentlemen, is popular. OK, ladies and gentlemen, Tom Emmer is popular. He's been the GOP whip. For actually, I don't know how long we're going to have to ask him, but definitely a couple of election cycles, seen ups and seen downs. And well, let's chat about the future. Tom Emmer right now. A congressman, congratulations on winning again. I like you, man. You're a brawler. Like, I just had profound respect for you during the Ilhan Omar stuff. And I know that's still ongoing. But I was like, I cannot. You know, everybody else was so scared of that topic and we're running away with their tail between their leg. And you were like, no, like she does. This is somebody who shouldn't be serving in Congress. We love that clarity.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, thank you, Benny. And I love what you do. This is this is not a time to be shy. I mean, especially when you come from my state, you were just talking about the chaos in Washington, D.C. and an incident in New York last night. Well, I've got the basically the Somali civil war that's come to the state of Minnesota. There are shootings almost every night somewhere. And I mean, they're moving out into the suburbs. You might have seen the story about a month ago where they shooting started in or broke out in the second half of a homecoming high school football game in an affluent suburb of Minneapolis. I mean, this has gotten out of hand. And if people aren't willing to talk about it because they're going to be called a racist, they're going to be called a xenophobe, they're going to be called some name. Well, then it's going to continue to happen. So you have to call out. You have to call out the truth where you see it. And Ilhan Omar, that gal is she needs to she needs to be out of Congress.

BENNY JOHNSON:

Yeah. Can you unpack that? Because, of course, you are, Mr. Minnesota, you are somebody who is, you know, been such a strong voice from that state and a voice of reason. Obviously, the state is descended into absolute chaos and quite frankly, just humiliation with all the fraud, the scams and the scandals feeding our future.

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Biggest Medicaid fraud, biggest, biggest fraud, maybe in American history actually just happened right there in Minneapolis. What the hell happened to me? I'm from Iowa, right? Minneapolis was like such a nice, clean, bright city when I was growing up, you know, and in the 90s, like that was where you'd go. And now it's like a war zone. It's like a Somali war zone. You just called it that.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Yeah. Yeah. Well, I'll I love my state, Benny. I do. And it breaks my heart. First off, before I get to Ilhan, think about this. Either fraud doesn't matter or our election process in Minnesota is corrupt to the core. I'll let you decide. The other night, despite a being a Somali fraudster involved in the daycare scam, we elected a Somali fraudster to the Minnesota legislature in St. Cloud, Minnesota. And what happened? Nobody talked about the fact that he's one of the fraudsters involved in the daycare fraud. They talk about it's the first Somali elected to the state legislature. Isn't that great? Rah, rah. How about keeping your focus on the issues that matter most? Like we don't reward fraudsters. By the way, speaking of fraudsters, Keith Ellison, our attorney general, apparently when you're caught on tape, essentially promising Somali fraudsters that you will act as a protection for them on an investigation that is underway, and then you take a significant five figure campaign donation a week later, you should get reelected, apparently. And Peggy Flanagan, your new senator, has been at the right hand of Tim Walz for the last four years overseeing the fraud. And she was apparently entitled to a promotion to the U.S. Senate. Again, I'm not saying anything that I don't know. I'm just saying, is fraud not the biggest issue going? Because if it is, then something's wrong with the election process in Minnesota, which I think we're going to hear more about in the future. When it comes to Ilhan Omar, I'll say this to you, Benny. If you've heard that her father gained admittance to this country under false pretenses after committing humanitarian crimes and was naturalized based on those lies, those misrepresentations. If you've heard that Ilhan Omar has lied about her birth date because you are automatically naturalized if you're a minor with your natural parent when they are naturalized and she lied about it because she was over the age of 18. And that meant she would have to reapply on her own. If you've heard that, if you've heard that that's not even her actual name, if you've heard that she might have committed immigration fraud with a sibling. Benny, it may be all true. Is she an American citizen? I don't think she should be. I think it's going to be proven that her birth date, she has lied about it repeatedly. I think that's documented. And once that has been documented to the appropriate authority, my understanding is and I'm slipping my mind now who the who the department is. But it's an administrative process. Once it is confirmed that she was not under the age of 18 when her father was naturalized, regardless of whether he was rightly naturalized or not, she was over the age of 18. Guess what, Benny? That is an administrative process. She is immediately no longer a citizen, and she has to reapply for citizenship. And by the I'll just remind you at that point, she's no longer a member of Congress anymore either.

BENNY JOHNSON:

Because you can't have people that aren't Americans serving in the United States Congress.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, apparently we do, but they're citizens. We got a lot of you know, she's she's said in the past that she's here to represent Somalia. Well, why don't you go back to Somalia? You can represent them where where they are in that country. This is America. When you come to this country, you're coming here to be an American. We're a melting pot of all cultures, and we celebrate all of them. We'll even celebrate Somali culture, German culture, Irish culture, Italian culture. It doesn't matter where you come from, but you come here to be an American. And if you don't want to be an American, then you should just get the hell out of here.

BENNY JOHNSON:

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What has Somali culture brought to Minnesota? Because it's very difficult for me to find the bright spots. Effectively, it just has been a massive black eye on the state with the rampant fraud, the rampant crime, the rampant shootings, the humiliation of electing these Somalis based on effectively just ethnic corridors. Right. Like it's just we're going to elect a Somali. Not because it is irrelevant if they married their brother. It's irrelevant if they committed fraud. It's irrelevant if they defrauded the federal government. It it just seems like such a scar on the face of Minnesota.

REP. TOM EMMER:

It really is. And you ask a great question, because this started a little bit more than 20 years ago. And guess what? There's still more than 80 percent. My wife has a better number. I think it's over 85 percent of Somalis that are still collecting on Minnesota welfare programs. And I think what happens is if you look at this, because somebody will tell you, well, you know, when we had the refugee resettlement, which thankfully is not happening right now, when we had refugee resettlement, we would only resettle about 200 in Minnesota. So this idea that, you know, we've got this flood coming in. Well, guess what, Benny? Once they're set in Minnesota, they pick up the phone and they start calling other clan members around the country, saying, you got to come to Minnesota. You're never going to believe how gullible these people are. They will pay for your housing. They will pay for your food. They will pay for your health care. They'll pay for your education. By the way, you can rip them off until the sun comes up the next day. I mean, it's outrageous. And it really comes down to these Democrats like Tim Walz and Keith Ellison. I mean, there's a great story about Keith Ellison. If you look at this, Laurie Swanson was a Democrat attorney general in Minnesota in 2018. She was investigating and prosecuting Somali daycare fraud back then. Guess what? She ran for governor. She lost in 18, the primary to Tim Walz. Keith Ellison replaced her. I'm told that Keith Ellison's first day on the job, he announced there will be no more investigations without my express approval. And you know what, Benny? He never approved any of them. They allowed this to run unchecked. They knew exactly what was happening. There are whistleblowers that told them two years before this was starting to be publicly blown up. And we've been talking about this since 2013.

BENNY JOHNSON:

What do you think about James O'Keefe and what they're doing to him after he went and tried to expose the absurdities of the election process in Minnesota?

REP. TOM EMMER:

It's something that we should expect. Nick Shirley came in. The young kid comes in and he finds more fraud in four hours than any news outlet in Minnesota has found in a decade.

BENNY JOHNSON:

Yes.

REP. TOM EMMER:

I mean, I've got friends who kind of lean my way that I grew up with who are in the media in Minnesota. And they actually tried to defend themselves when they were complaining that this amateur isn't held up to the same standard they are. And I said, you have never looked. You have never been willing to hold these people accountable. This kid comes in and does this. And guess what? He does it in California and they have a law against it now that you're not allowed to uncover this stuff. When it comes to James O'Keefe, that is one of the most outrageous and yet easily understood episodes. And it's an embarrassment again to Minnesota. So obviously they're going to try and prosecute him. But what are they going to prosecute him for? I mean,

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ultimately, he came in dressed as a Somali imam. You can only see the eyes, which, by the way, that's got to end. I want to see what you're wearing. I want to see what you're carrying. And I want to know who the heck you are. It's a matter of safety and security. It's not a matter of your personal beliefs. This is something that's got to end. But he shows up at a Minneapolis polling place, as I understand it, with five or six people with him. We not only have same-day registration in Minnesota, we have vouching. You can vouch for up to eight people at a time and say, hey, Benny's here with me. Benny lives in this precinct. I'm vouching for him. So Benny can sign up and vote right there. And what James O'Keefe did was brilliant. He comes in. You can't see anything but his eyes. He's got these five or six people with him. He vouches for them. They gave them all ballots. They didn't vote, as I understand it. But they made a point of saying how easy it is to vote in Minnesota elections illegally.

BENNY JOHNSON:

That's very interesting that you brought this up because France has a burqa ban. Italy has a burqa ban. Spain has a burqa ban. Would you be in favor of a burqa ban here in America or at least in Minnesota?

REP. TOM EMMER:

No, there should be no burqas. I'm sorry. If it covers up your identity, there should be nothing like that allowed. It is pure stupidity to say, oh, well, you know, this is what they believe. Really? When we got shootings all the time, when we've got theft taking place on a regular basis, there was a hundred shots fired. There's a tape of it by the Mall of America. Bloomington, that used to be a wonderful place, is loaded with these derelicts. And there's a shooting that takes place. And the Bloomington police chief, as I recall, said something when he was asked by, you know, can you identify these people? He said, well, you know, they come from two-parent households. They're driving Mercedes and BMWs. Keep in mind, over 80% of this population is on welfare programs. You should be able to identify these people immediately just by what he said. And he said, so it's very difficult to identify them. You can identify them if you have the will. And get rid of that ridiculous, it's like wearing a mask, right? Oh, I'm doing it for my health. Really? Maybe you don't want me to know who you are.

BENNY JOHNSON:

This is why, of course, in progressive Europe, there are bans on burqa in virtually every single country. In a lot of these left-wing countries, they see it as a huge threat to public security. Would you be the first person on the House floor if it is proven that Ilhan Omar is not an American citizen to ask for expulsion? Because the House is going to have to expel her, right?

REP. TOM EMMER:

I don't think we do. The second she is not an American citizen, Benny, she does not have an election certificate because that was issued to a U.S. citizen to serve in the U.S. Congress despite being one of the dumbest people you could be, despite being completely anti-American. If you're a citizen, apparently it doesn't matter with those other things. But once she's no longer a citizen, now she can go represent Somalia.

BENNY JOHNSON:

So what happens there? Because you're facing, I keep asking this question of members of Congress, you're facing constitutional crisis. So does the military go and remove her? Like what happens then? Does Capitol Police go and like chisel her name off the wall and clean out her office? Is that what happens?

REP. TOM EMMER:

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Yes, the Sergeant of Arms. She is no longer allowed on the House floor. And I'm going to argue she's, the one place where we'll have to act, I expect, is she's not even welcome on the House floor as a former member. I mean, that's because she was never, she never should have been a member in the first place if this is proven.

BENNY JOHNSON:

Yes. It's amazing how you can have somebody who's committed immigration fraud voting on immigration policy. It's such a blatant insult to the entire country.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Benny, the other thing that's amazing is just how arrogant and foolish this person is. I mean, she knows what she did. She knows what she's been doing for the last decade plus. And she honestly, I believe they think they are above the law because in Minnesota, no one will question it. No one will do anything. In fact, they will make excuses so that the discussion is never had. Now she's finally being held accountable. And I don't think she knows quite how to do with it. How to deal with it. Because guess what? We do expect people to tell the truth. We do expect people to be honest.

BENNY JOHNSON:

I apologize for going down this rabbit hole. I think it's critically important to our audience. I would really like to, in closing here, and I know that you have to go, but I really like to hear your landscape sort of autopsy for what happened and how we prevent this from happening in the future through 2028. And that's where our focus is going to be. The floor is yours, Mr. Whipp.

REP. TOM EMMER:

First off, I would argue we did not listen to the American people. I mean, it was always going to be about the economy. Prices are too high. Wages are not high enough. Americans are struggling. And we weren't talking about that, Benny. I mean, we let our opponents, our adversaries, get the high ground on that issue. And we never, never recovered. So as we go forward, this new Republican minority, the goal of the minority is to become the majority. In order to do that, we have to listen to the American people. We have to have an agenda that responds to the issues that are important to the American people. And by the way, we're going to have plenty of opportunity because basically the people who started this economic fire, when they ran this economy right off the road into the ditch in four years under Biden, the arsonist has been called back to put out the fire. They're going to give us plenty of opportunity to create the contrast and show. And I would tell you, we've done this before. There are 54 seats that are now in play. 54. So people here are going to tell me every day like they did back in 2019, it's going to take multiple cycles to turn this around. No, it's not. It's going to take 24 months because what we're going to do in the minority, Jim Jordan is going to lead this and I can't wait to work with him on it. What we're going to do is we are going to hold these people who lied to the American people in order to get elected, lied about what they were going to do to create affordability and who right away right now are talking about what? Climate change is the biggest issue they want to deal with? Oh, wait a second. They're going to investigate Trump. How's that going to deal with the issues that affect Americans? We are going to hold these people accountable every single day and I've said it before and I'm going to say it to you. We are going to make these people regret that they ever lied to the American people and put their name on a ballot. And when we get to that election 24 months from now, you watch what happens. We are going to flip the house when nobody thinks we're going to flip the house.

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It is something that we have raged against. Obviously the increasing in prices, you can't run on a populist nationalist platform and then increase gas prices. You can't do it and increase the mortgage rates to seven percent. You can't do that with any groceries have not gone the way that it's supposed to go. All right, as we had a meeting at the White House and they're like, what would you say is like the big win? Dude, what you did with egg prices, you got egg prices down like by 50%. Like, can you please just apply that system to the rest of groceries, then to gas, then to mortgages, and you'll win for the next hundred years. But that, I mean, it's a crystal clear, perfect answer. I hope that the Republicans listen to you on this.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, we're going to. One thing I do know is as the water in the watering hole recedes, the animals tend to look at each other differently. Everybody is literally listening to each other and talking to each other. But in all fairness to the White House, I we weren't we we we have to be reminded that it takes more than two years to destroy what the Biden administration did. We're not talking about the fact that poverty is an all time low in this country. We're not talking about the fact that individual income is an all time high. There are some things in the economy. But to your point, Benny, the things that mattered to the American people, it wasn't their 401k. It was gas. It was it was groceries. It was housing. That's what we have to listen on. That's what we have to show them the direction.

BENNY JOHNSON:

Yeah, that's why we're constantly calling for the end of all wars. I mean, honestly, Ukraine war has done horrible things for this. The war in Iran as well. Gaza would like if you you get rid of those distractions, you can focus on these huge domestic wins. And then also, like, frankly, the Senate, like it was so frustrating. We are not a big fan of John Thune. I know you got to work with him, but boy, howdy. Like that is demoralizing that everybody got a raise and got a promotion after the way that the Senate performed that they got.

REP. TOM EMMER:

They got one more chance, Benny. We got 60 days with these two bodies in the president. Why not pass the Save America Act and the other stuff that we sent over there? It's good for the American people. And even though you lost your majority, you still have it for 60 days. Why don't you put aside your differences with our president and just get this stuff done for the good of the country and our future?

BENNY JOHNSON:

Didn't you send it to them in reconciliation? It doesn't have a record.

REP. TOM EMMER:

We sent it to him four times this Congress and one time last Congress. Yes, it is on a reconciliation bill. They can pass it with 51 votes.

BENNY JOHNSON:

I mean that blew my mind because Mike Johnson's spokesperson was on two days ago and he's like it's sitting there in a reconciliation bill. All you need is 51 and allegedly you have that with Susan Collins who said she'd vote for it. So why aren't they doing it? Mr. Whip.

REP. TOM EMMER:

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Again, I'm over in the house. This is a lunch pail punch clock operation with a lot of alley fights and they've got this silk stocking thing going over on the other side of the building. So I think you got to ask them.

BENNY JOHNSON:

Ah, man, we do. We do ask and it makes us angry, but we thank you. I would like the audience loved you. I'm thrilled that you are the whip in the majority or in the minority. It's been and we hope that you come back a lot because this is the kind of messages that people want. Thank you, Tom Emmer. Godspeed

REP. TOM EMMER:

happy to do it. Thank you, Benny.

BENNY JOHNSON:

I don't know man. Like I've been doing this job for a long time. I've lived in DC for close to 20, you know, I was in DC for close to 20 years. Like there's a lot of people that use weasel words. There's a lot of people that aren't willing to say anything and Tom Emmer is like not one of those guys. So I like that if I if at any level like that is just refreshing to you. Ladies and gentlemen, you should be a Patriot mobile customer. You should log on to Patriot mobile in order.

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