Rep. Tom Emmer on The Ingraham Angle

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LAURA INGRAHAM:

And while the Democrats are fighting over leadership, kind of, the House Republicans figured it out quite a while ago, earlier today, Ohio Congressman Jim Jordan tapped to become the next minority leader, and Minnesota Congressman Tom Emmer is the minority whip. I've always liked that title, minority whip, Congressman. You're with us exclusively tonight. Thank you for joining us. Congratulations. Now, you came out swinging today and said that the conference will regain the trust of the American people. Why do you believe that trust seems to have been broken with those millions of working class Americans that, you know, some of them didn't turn out?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Look, great to be with you, Laura. I would say that wages, prices are too high and wages are not high enough. And I think we need to listen to the American people because that's what they were telling us. Look, you're going to see over the next several months, and the Democrats no doubt will try to take credit for it, that the bill that was signed into law a year ago last July is starting a manufacturing renaissance. You will see all kinds of growth in jobs. You will see growth and prosperity in our economy. And guess what? That's due to policies passed by Republicans. At the same time, these people are going to do what? You reported it in your angle. They're going to be going after Donald Trump. They're going to go after. I mean, how is that going to help anybody with affordability by conducting your hate mission again against the president?

LAURA INGRAHAM:

Do you think they'll do anything to work with you on some of these issues? Like, I mean, they love high gas prices. This is when people say, well, they work on high gas prices. Yeah. And lollipops will grow on trees. I mean, they hate cars and they hate gas powered stoves. They want to ban cars. They want Chinese cars to flood our industry and knock off our auto industry. They want all of that. So how do you work with people like that on gas prices?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, they're they're not going to be working with us. No, Laura, they've got this huge majority that they're going to have to try and figure out how to knit this thing together. And I tell you what, you're not going to be able to put this island of misfit toys together because they are all coming from different angles. You just told the story by showing them you got the newcomers saying no Hakeem. You've got the existing guards saying Hakeem is the guy. They're going to have problems within their own ranks, and I would not expect them to work with us. Where are we going to find middle ground when it comes to limiting Americans choices? What are we going to find middle ground when it comes to giving people the right to make their own decisions when it comes to their health care? They want government only health care. They're going to push that. They want to reverse what they call cuts to Medicaid. Those were work requirements. Able bodied individuals.

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LAURA INGRAHAM:

And yet your state is going, is going more and more blue, it seems. I mean, we had such high hopes for Michelle Tafoya. I think she ran a great campaign, one of the best campaigns, I think, of anybody across the United States. Still, you know, couldn't close that gap in the end. What's going on? What's going on in Minnesota? Fraud is like the biggest industry you have right now there. And apparently they're not really worried about it.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, when you elect a Somali fraudster who ran a daycare and was guilty of fraud again in St. Cloud, Minnesota, the legislature, and nobody seems to care when you elect an attorney general who's caught on tape essentially being bribed as he's telling Somali fraudsters that he will protect them from the investigation that they're under. When you elect to the Senate a gal who stood by Tim Wall's side while the fraud was going on.

LAURA INGRAHAM:

Do you think the House, as Ron DeSantis said, that you guys deliver enough for the American people? I mean, you did you pass a lot of bills, but, you know, in the Senate, I want to ask about John Thune in a second. In the Senate, you know, with the filibuster, couldn't really get much done other than the BBB, the big, beautiful bill.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Yeah, it's interesting because I believe a certain senator who will be unnamed from Massachusetts is saying that they should now eliminate the filibuster.

LAURA INGRAHAM:

Yeah, well, we knew that didn't see that coming. Mike Johnson immediately stepped aside after the midterms, wouldn't seek reelection. But over in the Senate, Leader Thune took the opposite approach. Do you think he should have remained as Republican leader quickly?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Yeah, well, I'm going to leave that to the Republicans in the Senate. What I would say, Laura, is today's House is tomorrow's Senate. And guess what? You just elected a bunch of House members to the Senate. So I'm sure they're going to take care of business. That has been the issue. You've got to have both sides working in order to.

LAURA INGRAHAM:

I assume you're not for some great immigration amnesty bill to come out of all this.

REP. TOM EMMER:

The whole goal is to get rid of the worst of the worst.

LAURA INGRAHAM:

All right. We appreciate you joining us very much, Congressman. Thank you.

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