

Donald Trump: "I'm the least racist person you will ever interview!"



Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson on Monday said he does not always agree with President Trump. "I'm a member of this administration and I don't agree with the president about everything that he says or of how it is said," Carson said while speaking at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., receiving applause for his remark. "If the way you say things is so inflammatory that people can't hear your message, it is not helpful. And that is why I don't do that anymore," he added at a service honoring the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Carson's remarks come after Trump faced extreme backlash last week for reportedly describing several nations as "shithole countries" during an Oval Office meeting with lawmakers on immigration reform.

"Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?" Trump reportedly said, referring to immigrants from African countries, Haiti and El Salvador.

He then allegedly proposed bringing in more immigrants from countries like Norway, a predominantly white country.

The White House did not initially deny the remarks, which were confirmed by Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), but Trump later took to Twitter on Friday to say he "never" made such comments.

"Never said anything derogatory about Haitians other than Haiti is, obviously, a very poor and troubled country. Never said 'take them out.' Made up by Dems," he tweeted.

On Monday, he doubled down on his denial while blaming Durbin for misrepresenting what he had said.

"Senator Dicky Durbin totally misrepresented what was said at the DACA meeting. Deals can't get made when there is no trust! Durbin blew DACA and is hurting our Military," he tweeted, referring to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program his administration has ended.

Critics of the president say his alleged "shithole" remarks serve as proof that Trump harbors racist views, a claim Trump has pushed back against.

"No. I'm not a racist. I'm the least racist person you will ever interview," Trump told reporters on Sunday while entering Trump International Golf Course.