

New Democratic Rep. Rashida Tlaib uses expletive while calling for Trump impeachment

The president responded in a series of tweets asking how he could be removed after winning "perhaps the greatest election of all time."



Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., with her kids during the first session of the 116th Congress on Thursday. Chip Somodevilla / Getty Images

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Hours after being sworn in, Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., told a cheering crowd of supporters on Thursday that the Democrats "are gonna impeach the motherf---er" in a video posted online.

Tlaib, a Detroit native who is one of the first two Muslim women and the [first Palestinian-American woman](#) elected to Congress, is seen recalling her son's response to her election.

"When your son looks at you and said, 'Mamma, look you won, bullies don't win,'" she tells a cheering crowd. "And I said, baby, they don't, because we're gonna go in there and we're gonna impeach the motherf---er."

The exchange was captured on camera by an immigration activist, who also [posted a group selfie with Tlaib](#). NBC News has not verified the authenticity of the video, but has reached out to the representative and activist for comment.

Tlaib, seeming to acknowledge the remark Friday morning, tweeted, "I will always speak truth to power."

I will always speak truth to power. [#unapologeticallyMe](#)

— Rashida Tlaib (@RashidaTlaib) [January 4, 2019](#)

And her office issue a statement later Friday morning standing by her remarks.

"Congresswoman Tlaib was elected to shake up Washington, not continue the status quo," the statement said. "Donald Trump is completely unfit to serve as President. The Congresswoman absolutely believes he needs to be impeached and ... will not stay silent."

Impeaching President Donald Trump is quickly becoming a flashpoint for Democrats, with some in the progressive wing of the party — including Tlaib — calling for impeachment proceedings [while others have urged the party to focus on legislating](#). In an opinion article she co-wrote that was published in The Detroit Press Press on Thursday, [Tlaib argued that proceedings](#) should begin immediately.

The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., quickly took issue with Tlaib's comments.

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