**Donald Trump states Ilhan Omar should resign the Congress after tweets evoking anti-Semitic tropes.**

**Omar’s tweet may have sounded controversial, but the Republican reaction was profoundly hypocritical…**

*Current Affairs Rida Ghaffar*

*Wednesday February 13, 2019*

President Donald Trump called on Rep. **[Ilhan Omar](https://www.islamicfinder.org/iqra/rashida-tlaib-and-lhan-omar-first-two-muslim-women-elected-to-us-congress/)** to resign from Congress over her tweets that were condemned by lawmakers on both sides of the aisle as anti-Semitic.

The Minnesota Democrat apologized on Monday after a firestorm ignited with her tweets suggesting US support of Israel is motivated by money. "**It's all about the Benjamins baby,**" Omar tweeted, followed by a musical notes emoji.

*It's all about the Benjamins baby*[*https://t.co/KatcXJnZLV*](https://t.co/KatcXJnZLV)

*— Ilhan Omar (@IlhanMN)*[*February 10, 2019*](https://twitter.com/IlhanMN/status/1094747501578633216?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

In a separate tweet, Omar suggested support of Israel is driven specifically by donations from the American **Israel** Public Affairs Committee, a prominent pro-Israel lobby group. In a Cabinet meeting thisTuesday, Trump said:

*"Anti-Semitism has no place in the United States Congress…I think she should either resign from Congress or she should certainly resign from the House Foreign Affairs Committee."*

Omar has been critical of the Israeli government over its treatment of Palestinians and has supported the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement; a nonviolent activist campaign that aims to put economic and political pressure on Israel over its actions toward Palestinians, including calling for an end to Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

Critics, both Democratic and Republican, said Omar's tweets evoked anti-Semitic tropes. House Democratic leadership called on her to apologize, and the freshman congresswoman then released a statement where she "unequivocally" apologized. Omar's statement reads:

[View image on Twitter](https://twitter.com/IlhanMN/status/1095046561254567937/photo/1)

**[Ilhan Omar](https://twitter.com/IlhanMN)**

[✔@IlhanMN](https://twitter.com/IlhanMN)

Listening and learning, but standing strong

[75.1K](https://twitter.com/intent/like?tweet_id=1095046561254567937" \o "Like)

[2:46 PM - Feb 11, 2019](https://twitter.com/IlhanMN/status/1095046561254567937)

[30.6K people are talking about this](https://twitter.com/IlhanMN/status/1095046561254567937%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20the%20conversation%20on%20Twitter)

[Twitter Ads info and privacy](https://support.twitter.com/articles/20175256)

Trump then said at the Cabinet meeting:

*"What (Omar) said is so deep seated in her heart that her lame apology and that's what it was, it was lame and she didn't mean a word of it -- was just not appropriate. I think she should resign from Congress, frankly. But at a minimum she shouldn't be on committees, certainly that committee."*

The criticism from the President comes weeks after he was noticeably silent on the controversy surrounding Republican Rep. Steve King of Iowa, when King made comments to The New York Times that appeared sympathetic to white supremacists. King asked the Times:

*"White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization - how did that language become offensive?"*

Top Republicans sharply rebuked King, but the President did not, saying he hadn't been following the news surrounding King.

Trump himself has been accused of anti-Semitism more than once. During the 2016 campaign, Trump tweeted an image critical of Hillary Clinton that critics said evoked anti-Semitic imagery, featuring a six-pointed star, a pile of cash and the words "most corrupt candidate ever." The image had been posted to an anti-Semitic, white supremacist message board 10 days earlier. Trump rejected the Clinton campaign's accusations that his tweet was anti-Semitic and said the star represented a sheriff's badge.

He also faced criticism in December 2015 when he spoke to the Republican Jewish Coalition and repeatedly called the individuals in the room "negotiators" and said:

*"You're not gonna support me because I don't want your money. You want to control your politicians, that's fine. Five months ago I was with you. I do want your support but I don't want your money."*

May Allah (SWT) bring ease for people like Ilhan Omar representing the [Muslims](https://www.islamicfinder.org/iqra/us-muslim-family-offer-neighbours-help-during-cold-weather/) in United States. Pray and make [dua](https://www.islamicfinder.org/duas/) for such representatives of our Muslim Ummah in the world today.

See also: [Namaz timing app](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.athan&hl=en)

Source: [BBC](https://edition.cnn.com/2019/02/12/politics/trump-omar-resign-anti-semitism/index.html)