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TRUMP, THE SQUAD, AND RACISM

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Trump is accused of racism because he singled out four female Congresswomen of color for harsh criticism. These four are self-named “The Squad”. Anyone charging Trump with racism without acknowledging the actual racist comments by The Squad, proves selective outrage. But merely denying the “Trump is a racist” charge is meaningless without valid supporting arguments.

Trump’s actions were based on several events. One member of The Squad spoke longingly of the Holocaust, saying it gave her “a calming feeling.” Another is angry that Jewish money controls Congress. The third equates our border detention facilities to Nazi concentration camps. The last member proclaimed, “We don’t need black faces that don’t want to be a black voice.” More examples abound.

And lest we forget, these four were the only House Democrats voting against legislation for funding improved living conditions for undocumented immigrants detained at the border. The Squad acknowledges being a source of radical resistance to our government and President Trump. Their actions and comments are almost always divisive, and often offensive and racist.

The Squad’s race and gender do not make them untouchable. The President’s comments were clumsy, ill-chosen, and definitely insensitive, but neither race nor gender was his motivation.