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# Rubio slams Trump verdict as 'terrible'

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*Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) arrives for a Senate Republican Conference meeting.*

Florida Sen. [Marco Rubio](#) (R) slammed [the guilty verdict](#) in former [President Trump's](#) hush money trial, adding late Thursday that most people wouldn't be able to afford to "fight this stuff off."

"I think it's terrible. I think what this shows today, is that they can go after a former president with a ridiculous charge like this and gain a conviction, they can go after anybody," Rubio, a possible Trump running mate in November's election, said on Fox News's "Hannity."

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"And most people can't afford to fight this stuff off."

Rubio also said he believes the left targeted Trump in an attempt to keep him out of office.

"The shock is that this could happen in America," Rubio said, later adding the verdict is an "ugly, ugly blemish [for the] reputation around the world."



The verdict throws the 2024 presidential election into uncharted territory as both sides grapple with how to move forward. Immediately after the decision, Trump began fundraising on the announcement, as did his closest allies.

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Rubio posted a link on the social platform X to a fundraising page telling his followers to not “just get angry about this travesty, get even!” The donation page crashed and Trump’s campaign said it was because of an influx of donations.

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“Politically, I think it’s good. I think, unfortunately, they’ve made a travesty, a mockery of our criminal justice system,” he said.

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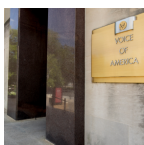
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