Twitch temporarily bans President Trump

Twitch has temporarily banned President Donald Trump, in the latest surprise and high-profile suspension from the streaming service. Trump's account was banned for "hateful conduct" that was aired on stream, and Twitch says the offending content has now been removed.

One of the streams in question was a rebroadcast of Trump's infamous kickoff rally, where he said that Mexico was sending rapists to the United States. Twitch also flagged racist comments at Trump's recent rally in Tulsa.

"Like anyone else, politicians on Twitch must adhere to our Terms of Service and Community Guidelines. We do not make exceptions for political or newsworthy content, and will take action on content reported to us that violates our rules," a Twitch spokesperson told *The Verge.* The statement was originally issued last year when Trump's channel was launched.

The suspension arrives a week after Twitch swore it would crack down on harassment within the community following reports of assault and harassment from streamers. It's a sign that Twitch may be starting to take moderating streams a lot more seriously. The racist language it banned Trump for is often allowed on other platforms due to his role as a politician and president of the United States.

Twitch said last week that it would begin issuing permanent bans to streamers in response to the allegations coming out. The first major ban that came down appears to be on Dr Disrespect, one of the site's most popular streamers. Twitch has repeatedly declined to confirm why (or even whether) Dr

Disrespect was banned – there were not public allegations against him – and the streamer has said he has not been told why his channel disappeared.

The Trump campaign launched its Twitch page in October. The campaign appeared to use the page for broadcasting rallies and campaign events. *The Verge* has reached out to the Trump campaign for comment.

Just minutes before Twitch suspended Trump, Reddit said it had banned a number of subreddits for harassment, including r/The_Donald. The subreddit is not directly affiliated with the president, as the Twitch channel is.

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