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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## News Review

### Trump's tweets branded racist

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#### The story

A group of Democratic congresswomen criticised by President Trump in a series of racially-charged tweets have accused him of pursuing a white-nationalist agenda.

At a joint news conference, the four women - none of them white - condemned what they called the president's "xenophobic comments".

One of them, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, said that all American citizens had a right to be in the US - no matter the colour of their skin or their religion.

#### Vocabulary

##### circulating

passing around and through a group or system

- Make sure to wash your hands. There's a flu circulating at the moment.
- Once the news had circulated around the company, the CEO called a meeting.

##### rant

loud angry complaint

- After his anger-fuelled rant, the lecturer had a headache and needed to lie down.
- I always feel better after a good rant – it clears all your frustrations!

##### take the bait

react to provocation

- The younger sibling didn't take the bait when his older brother teased him.
- Despite his opponent's insults, the politician didn't take the bait and stayed on topic.

#### Language challenge

An 'extreme dislike or fear of foreigners' is known as:

- a) zenophobia
- b) xeknowfobya
- c) xenophobia

Answer:

- c) xenophobia