

Open Letter to Eluned Morgan, First Minister of Wales

We condemn Eluned Morgan's recent defence of Donald Trump. To claim that Trump is not a racist is to ignore the currents of cruelty and violence that surge through his rhetoric, aimed squarely at the most vulnerable. His relentless vilification of immigrants during recent US elections reaches into a dark, historical well of xenophobia and fear-mongering.

Trump's calculated language—casting immigrants as an “invasion,” “animals,” “not human,” and “poisoning the blood of our country,” drawn from “prisons” and “insane asylums” worldwide is an appeal to an audience he primes into seeing threats everywhere.

Trump casts immigrants as the cause of America's decline, lifting from the ugliest chapters of history. At the Republican national convention his supporters waved signs that read “Mass deportations now!” and chanted: “Send them back.”

Trump's assertion of Haitians “taking over” Springfield, Ohio, eating pets and wildlife, is the gross fabrication of a demagogue seeking scapegoats. His plans for mass deportations and the “largest deportation operation in American history” target millions.

His statements about refugees from “infested countries,” his vow to reinstate the “Muslim travel ban,” and the images from his previous presidency of children caged and separated from their families, are not isolated transgressions. They form part of a coherent ideology, one that regards human rights as an inconvenience, tolerance as weakness, and dissent as treason.

Trump's rhetoric is about crafting a society governed by cruelty, distrust, and an unchecked lust for dominance. This is not the language of democracy. By labeling political opponents “vermin,” Trump aims to build a siege mentality that justifies hate, brutality, and repression.

For the First Minister of Wales to defend Trump is not merely disappointing; it is a slap in the face to every community in Wales that has suffered under the ripple effect of this kind of hatred. To give political cover to Trump's racist agenda isn't just irresponsible—it's actively aiding a global project of division and fear.

We call on Eluned Morgan to apologise, retract her comments, and take a stand with Wales's anti-racist communities. This moment demands leaders willing to push back, not ones willing to excuse billionaires' bigotry.

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