

Democratic Lawmaker Proclaims She's A Proud Guatemalan Before She's An American

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Democratic Congresswoman Delia Ramirez (IL-03) is facing intense backlash following a controversial statement made during a left-wing political summit in Mexico City, where she told an audience in Spanish, “I’m a proud Guatemalan before I’m an American.”

The remarks, delivered during the Pan-American Congress, a gathering of progressive politicians from across the Americas, ignited a firestorm on social [media](#).

“Proud Guatemalan Before an American”

Ramirez’s statement was made during her speech criticizing U.S. immigration enforcement and border security policies. The event was hosted by Progressive International, an organization known for its anti-capitalist rhetoric and calls to dismantle American global influence.

Her comments were not isolated — other far-left House Democrats in attendance, including Reps. Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, Ayanna Pressley, Summer Lee, and Jesús “Chuy” García, joined Ramirez in denouncing American immigration laws and foreign policy, drawing applause from international leftist leaders.

But Ramirez’s specific wording — placing Guatemalan identity ahead of American citizenship — provoked particular outrage, with critics questioning how a sitting member of Congress could publicly place another national identity before allegiance to the United States.

Born in the U.S., But Advocates for Illegal Aliens

Delia Ramirez was born in Chicago to illegal Guatemalan immigrants and is married to Boris Hernandez, a former DACA recipient who is also in the country unlawfully. She is the only member of Congress openly in a “mixed-status”

marriage, and has built much of her political career around advocating for the interests of illegal aliens and pushing to weaken enforcement of U.S. immigration laws.

Ramirez has frequently spoken out in defense of programs like DACA and has called for mass amnesty for millions of people living in the country illegally.

Backlash and Calls for Her Removal

Ramirez's statement quickly gained traction online, where it sparked outrage under hashtags such as #DeportDelia and #AmericaFirst. Critics flooded social [media](#) platforms like X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook, calling for her resignation or expulsion from Congress.

"How can someone who says she's 'Guatemalan before American' be allowed to sit in the U.S. House of Representatives?" wrote one user.

"She can and should be kicked out of Congress immediately. Her allegiance is not to the United States of America, in her own words," another posted.

The White House also weighed in. Liz Huston, a spokesperson for President Trump, condemned the remarks from Ramirez and her fellow Democrats as "despicable" and accused them of "putting Americans last."

"While President Trump is focused on peace, security, and restoring sovereignty, these Democrats are undermining American values abroad," Huston said.

A Summit Rooted in Anti-Americanism

The **Panamerican Congress** was organized by **Progressive International** in partnership with Mexico's ruling **Morena** party. The event focused heavily on attacking U.S. policies — from immigration to foreign affairs — and promoting a realignment of global power away from Washington.

The group has openly described the U.S. as the "*lynchpin of imperial violence*" and accuses it of maintaining global dominance through military bases and defense spending. During the event, Colombia's deputy foreign minister

praised Rep. Tlaib as a “symbol of resistance,” drawing a standing ovation.

Ramirez Stands By Her Comments

Despite the firestorm, Rep. Ramirez’s office has not walked back the remarks. Instead, her team released a statement framing the comment as a personal celebration of her heritage and a “reminder of the importance of recognizing immigrant voices.”

The statement did not address criticism about her oath of office or her perceived lack of loyalty to the country she serves.

As questions continue to swirl about the priorities and loyalties of far-left lawmakers, Ramirez’s comment has become a flashpoint in a growing debate over whether those who hold public office should be expected to put America first — in word and in action.