

In 'Disgusting' Attack, Trump Blames Puerto Rico; Says FEMA Can't Stay 'Forever'

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In less than an hour on Thursday morning, President Donald Trump went from [encouraging Americans to watch](#) his favorite show, Fox & Friends, to telling residents of Puerto Rico the crisis there is "largely of their own making" to ultimately saying that the U.S. government cannot keep federal emergency workers there "forever."

"Puerto Rico survived the Hurricanes, now a financial crisis looms largely of their own making." says Sharyl Attkisson. A total lack of....

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [October 12, 2017](#)

...accountability say the Governor. Electric and all infrastructure was disaster before hurricanes. Congress to decide how much to spend....

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...We cannot keep FEMA, the Military & the First Responders, who have been amazing (under the most difficult circumstances) in P.R. forever!

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The series of tweets comes as relief workers on the ground and Puerto Rican officials [say the humanitarian crisis is much worse on the ground](#) than the rosy picture Trump continues to paint.

Disgust aimed at the president came swiftly:

This is like blaming home owners for the mortgage crisis. Focus on the banks

that sold the P.R. bonds or we will see 2008 all over again.
<https://t.co/XIE6gPRgP0>

— Richard W. Painter (@RWPUSA) [October 12, 2017](#)

I am Disgusted Beyond Belief.
RETWEET For Puerto Rico!<https://t.co/D2xv46nGY4>

— Impeach Donald Trump (@Impeach_D_Trump) [October 12, 2017](#)

Trump woke up this morning and decided to attack Puerto Rico while 84% of the country is still without power and 37% is still without water.

— Michael Skolnik (@MichaelSkolnik) [October 12, 2017](#)

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— Daniel Dale (@ddale8) [October 12, 2017](#)

Trump serves notice to Puerto Rico that federal government may eventually abandon the U.S. territory amid humanitarian crisis <https://t.co/Ojja9xrBIX>

— Philip Rucker (@PhilipRucker) [October 12, 2017](#)

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