

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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