



Rodney Davis' Comments Xenophobic, Inappropriate, And Discriminatory

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Springfield - Following [public reports highlighting Illinois Congressman Rodney Davis' defense of offensive remarks](#) from his colleagues regarding violence and racism against Asian-Americans, President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) released the following statement.

“Inflammatory and xenophobic language from elected officials is part of the problem. Our organization has said it before and we will say it again: words matter, particularly from those who were elected to lead by example. Rodney Davis' decision to double-down on offensive and dangerous rhetoric while the country mourns and confronts violence and discrimination against Asian-Americans is troubling. Rodney Davis should apologize, and work to set an example for his constituents by being part of the solution and not part of the problem.”

Davis' remarks came in defense of Texas Congressman Chip Roy who [referenced hanging criminals from a tree](#) -- lynching -- during a House Judiciary Committee Hearing on the rise of anti-Asian American violence and discrimination. [Per CNN](#), Davis said the “relation between rhetoric and hate crimes against Asian Americans is ‘all political correctness.’ Davis instead said phrases like ‘Kung flu’ or ‘China virus’ are no different than saying ‘UK variant.’”