

Disinformation in Miami After the Capitol Insurrection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This media monitoring project grew out of the Florida results of the 2020 presidential election and the role that Spanish-language radio in Miami played in spreading misinformation and disinformation among Latinos in Florida.

The goal of this media monitoring case study is to collect concrete evidence of the disinformation spread on Spanish-language radio stations in Miami, by listening to one week of aired shows on two radio stations between January 6-13, 2021, right after the attacks on the U.S. Capitol.

Some of our conclusions include:

- Disinformation does not exist in a vacuum, but instead it is strategically used to legitimize conservative narratives about Democrats, progressive policies, and social justice movements.
- The radio shows and hosts analyzed in this case study are intentionally spreading disinformation. There are no instances that show unintentionally spreading misinformation.
- Although there is no concrete evidence that proves a concerted/coordinated effort to spread disinformation, the repetitive nature of the messages across different shows and coming from different hosts does indicate coordination on messaging.
- The structure of the shows and their overall editorial style allow for very blurry lines between traditional journalism, editorialized opinion, and comments from callers that ultimately contribute to legitimizing and spreading disinformation.
- The radio shows and hosts played a significant role in the spread of disinformation about election fraud and frequently questioned the legitimacy of Joe Biden's victory. As news of the attack on the Capitol broke and the coverage evolved in the following days, the hosts shifted to say that all they wanted was an investigation, but the claims of electoral fraud never ceased during the period analyzed.
- After the attack on the Capitol, some of the radio hosts refused to accept it was led by Trump supporters and repeated claims of the potential involvement of members of Black Lives Matter and Antifa, and even suggested (or allowed callers to suggest) that it was coordinated and paid by Democrats.



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- To shift attention away from the attack on the Capitol, the hosts spent an extensive amount of time on the alleged violence and destruction caused by Black Lives Matter protests during the summer, and never mentioned the majority were peaceful protests, despite [widespread reports](#) confirming that.
- As expected, the hosts did not shy away from equating Democrats to socialists and communists, and compared the Biden administration to the governments of Cuba, Venezuela and Russia, not only spreading disinformation but also instilling fear in the audience about how socialism is taking over the country, how taxes will increase, authoritarianism will rise, and Democrats are going to destroy the country, making it *“unrecognizable in four years.”*
- Ironically, in very passionate statements filled with derogatory language towards Democrats or “the left,” the radio hosts repeatedly claimed there was an attack against Republicans and conservatism, and that Democrats were full of hate.



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INTRODUCTION

This media monitoring case study is a result of the 2020 presidential election and the role that Spanish-language radio in Miami played in spreading misinformation and disinformation among Latinos in Florida. Concerns about the content of right-wing Spanish-language media grew significantly in social media and news outlets during and after the elections, but not much was done to address or stop them. Unfortunately, except in a few cases, there has been no consistent monitoring of Spanish-language media, especially of radio stations, and therefore there is no accountability of reporters, radio hosts, media companies and/or advertisers.

The attack on the Capitol on January 6th was the last and most tangible example of why misinformation, disinformation, conspiracy theories and hate speech are a serious concern, not only for the state of our democracy, but also for public safety and national security. Although there is not a smoking gun showing that Spanish-language media was responsible for the violence of January 6th, radio stations and shows in Miami are part of a large network of right-wing media promoting a conservative agenda while spreading disinformation and conspiracy theories to key audiences. For example, radio personalities in Miami openly questioned the results of the elections and even participated in rallies against the certification process, amplifying misinformation and disinformation that was being spread nationally, which eventually led to the violence at the Capitol.

On January 14, a group of Latino leaders in Florida [wrote a letter](#) demanding Spanish-language media to stop the spread of disinformation and conspiracy theories on their platforms. The effort exposed a gap in media monitoring and the lack of concrete evidence of what content was being spread by Spanish-language media in Miami. Without this evidence, it was hard to demand accountability. Everyone knew what they were saying, but no one could prove it.

That marks the birth of this case study: a project to collect concrete evidence of the disinformation spread on Spanish-language radio stations in Miami.



METHODOLOGY

For this project, we monitored media under the following parameters:

- Time period: January 6-13, 2021 - Starting the day of the attack and covering one week after
- Radio stations & shows: We selected four (4) news/commentary radio shows on two (2) radio stations with the most egregious cases of spreading disinformation:
 - [Radio Mambi 710 AM:](#)
 - Noticias 710 with [Nelson Rubio](#) y [Rodrigo Durán](#)
 - “En Mi Opinión” with Lourdes D' Kendall
 - “Ninoska en Mambi” with [Ninoska Pérez Castellón](#)
 - Actualidad Radio 1040 AM: [Cada Tarde with Carines Moncada and Agustín Acosta](#)
- Audiences: Both radio stations reach primarily Cuban audiences over 35 years old. Central Americans from Nicaragua, and South Americans from Colombia and Venezuela also listen to these stations.
- Content of interest: any potential disinformation, misinformation or hate speech about the attack on the Capitol, the elections, Joe Biden, Democrats or the Democratic Party, COVID and the pandemic.

During the month of March 2021, we listened to pre-recorded shows from the time period selected and saved clips where the radio hosts talked about any of the topics described above. After that, we did a qualitative analysis searching for cases of potential misinformation and/or disinformation, as well as narrative trends and repeated messaging.

Here are the definitions of misinformation and disinformation we used to analyze the content:

Disinformation: False information that is created and shared to deliberately cause harm. Under this category we are including opinions and commentary from radio hosts who use factual data to create a false narrative.

Misinformation: False information that is shared by people who do not realize it's false and don't mean to cause harm.

[Link to all clips](#)



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Disinformation or misinformation?

Based on the definitions provided above, and based on the evidence we found through our monitoring exercise, we have evidence that confirms that the radio shows and hosts analyzed in this case study are intentionally spreading disinformation, and there are no instances that show unintentionally spreading misinformation. The repetitiveness of their messaging and the continuous attempts to justify their claims and statements, as proven below, confirm their conscious participation in spreading disinformation and manipulating facts to confirm false claims and promote their political agenda.

Blurry lines between news and opinion

Before diving into the content of these radio shows, it's important to address how their structures and overall editorial style allows for very blurry lines between traditional journalism and news, editorialized opinion, and comments from callers that ultimately contribute to legitimizing and spreading disinformation.

- **News vs commentary:** “Noticias 710 AM” and “Cada Tarde” go back and forth between news and commentary -and calls on the first-, making it very hard to know when the hosts are moving from simply communicating the news to sharing their opinion about them. This is a very dangerous practice that intentionally pushes the audience to take the hosts' opinions as facts.
- **Calls:** All of Radio Mambi's shows we analyzed, invite listeners to call in and share their opinion. This is where we heard the majority of disinformation. It's understandable that everyone is allowed to have an opinion, but what is problematic about this practice is that the radio hosts don't always correct the callers and, what is worse, they build on the callers' comments to elaborate on the topic legitimizing the disinformation. During the seven days we monitored, Lourdes D' Kendall and Ninoska Perez did correct callers who said we needed Martial Law or shared other conspiracy theories. Nelson Rubio, on the contrary, almost never corrected callers during the period we monitored. Here are some examples:
 - [Caller 1: Democrats want to control the Senate "to do whatever they want"](#)
 - [Caller 2: Honking against the Democrat's Mega fraud](#)
 - [Caller 3: 3 minutes of conspiracy theories, Nelson "thank you, we understand our listener's position"](#)
 - [Caller 4: 2 Minutes talking about an "infiltrator" in DC and Fraud in Georgia](#)
 - [Caller 5: claims that the # of votes do not add up. Nelson doesn't question her "logic" and questions the elections and the attack on Congress](#)

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- [Caller 6: Suggests Martial Law and Agustin Acosta adds more information after, never refutes or corrects them.](#)
- [Caller 7: caller says the attack on the Capitol was planned by the Democrats and Nelson Rubio confirms that there was a lot of content on social media about that](#)
- [Caller 8: Caller claims that the attack on the Capitol was paid for and planned, and that Rep. Ilhan Omar paid people to vote for her. Nelson Rubio elaborates on her points instead of asking for evidence.](#)
- **Sources:** During the news sections, the hosts sometimes read disinformation and false claims as news and either mention right-wing media or fail to provide concrete sources using generic terms such as “the Republicans” or “some members.”
 - [Nelson Rubio and Rodrigo Duran's](#) news update at the beginning of the show about the certification process quotes Newsmax and Daily Caller in the first 5 minutes.
 - [Nelson Rubio's show](#) continues quoting the Daily Caller to mention Giuliani's claims of fraud. No mention of what other sources say.
 - [Nelson Rubio](#) says “*At that moment is when dozens of members of Congress intervened, led by Senator Ted Cruz, a brilliant lawyer, to challenge what was acted given the enormous cumulus committed by the Democrats to deceive the will of Americans and benefit the democratic candidate Joe Biden, according to what has been said by Republicans themselves.*”
 - [Agustin Acosta](#), when defending himself from mentioning that someone from BLM was identified at the Jan 6 insurrection, mentions that the story was confirmed by the Washington Times, Fox News and the Epoch Times, all right-wing media.

Election Fraud

Before the attack on January 6, Miami's radio hosts and the people who called their radio station repeated several times the word “fraud” when talking about the elections. A few callers on almost all the shows actually suggested that we needed “Martial Law” as a drastic measure to stop the process.

However, as news of the attack broke and the coverage evolved in the following days, the hosts shifted to say that all they wanted was an investigation and nothing else. Lourdes D' Kendall even said that [they were ready to accept Biden as President](#).



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Regardless, the continued claims of electoral fraud never ceased. Here are some examples:

- [Agustin Acosta](#) says he watched hours and hours of the trials on election fraud in December and that they had real witnesses.
- [Agustin Acosta](#): *"Thousands of dead people voted, thousands of people in jail voted, thousands of people who were not U.S. citizens voted. I believe that in one of those states, Nevada or Arizona, 42,000 people voted more than one time"*
- [Agustin Acosta](#) gives details of election night, the Trump supporters who stormed the SOEs and the things that they saw saying that no one ever investigated it.

"At 2:00 am, and all of a sudden, 6 states where Trump was winning, suspended the vote count. At 10:00 a.m. of the next day, all of that was deleted and now Trump was losing. Suspicious case. (...) Then we saw the videos of the bags. When they started to take out some bags from under tables covered with black cloth when everyone was sleeping because they said a pipe broke, they sent everyone to their homes and in the middle of the night clandestinely. That was never explained."

- [Carines Moncada \(end of recording\)](#) casts doubt on legitimacy of Biden Presidency and repeats that no one ever investigated any of the fraud claims.
- [Nelson Rubio](#) calls-in to Lourdes D' Kendall's show and says that Democrats manipulated COVID to win the election: *"All the manipulation of coronavirus. I say, look, everything here is well structured. Create chaos, the crisis, the fear of coronavirus, to generate the production of absentee ballots which is the only way that the Democratic Party could win this election."*
- [Nelson Rubio](#): *"Whatever Democrats say that there was no fraud, there are many weird things. I do believe there were violations, I do think it was committed... we have to review the integrity of electoral law."*
- [Ninoska Perez](#) lashes out against a caller who was said that in democracy sometimes you win and sometimes you don't: *"You want to avoid 70 million people with doubts from having an investigation (...) There are 70 million within the Constitution asking for an investigation."*

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- [Ninoska Perez](#) reads Rep. Madelin Dean's statement about Jan 6 and responds: "These are not lies. Those who were inside were voting for something that is evident."

The Pennsylvania case

Lourdes D' Kendall and Ninoska Perez repeat the GOP claims about Pennsylvania's changes in election laws being unconstitutional, despite several stories saying the contrary, stating those claims are wrong, not true and groundless: [USA Today](#), [The Morning Call](#), [NPR](#), [Tampa Bay Times](#) and [NBC News](#), among others.

- [Ninoska Perez](#): "The President did not refuse to accept the results (...) The problem was that in Pennsylvania the Constitutional law was violated in reference to electoral laws. (...) They could send ballots without requesting them, they could send all the ballots they wanted to everyone, and that when those ballots came back, which is an implication of fraud, they didn't even have to check the signatures, which means you are not even checking if they are even registered. That's the kind of fraud that those who opposed were objecting. It was not about not wanting to accept."
- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#): "There was a violation here. Let's go to the state of Pennsylvania. There was a violation here of a state legislature. Isn't it worth investigating this, which hasn't been able to be done until now? (...) We haven't been able to get to any Court to present evidence (...) Not even the Supreme Court has allowed it."
- On January 7, [Ninoska Perez invited Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart](#) on her show to talk about how the changes in election laws in Pennsylvania were unconstitutional. Ninoska says "this is a solid argument that the American people deserve to hear," even though it had already been widely reported on and even heard by the Supreme Court.
- [Maria Elvira Salazar on Ninoska Perez' show](#): "How is it possible that in Pennsylvania there are 200,000 more votes on election day than there were on the electoral rolls, that is impossible!"

January 6

On January 6th, Radio Mambi's morning shows were focused on the news about the certificacion of the election results and the local rallies or caravans in support of President Trump taking place in Miami. Nelson Rubio, Radio Mambi's morning news anchor, was personally promoting the caravans, asking listeners to call if they were out in the streets, and mentioned he would go on air from one of the caravans later that day.



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We didn't hear anything about violence at the Capitol until 1:38 p.m. when Ninoska Perez, from Radio Mambi, was on the air. At that moment conservative radio hosts in Miami are confronted with the need to explain this attack coming from their own side, and the most appalling conclusion is that they won't accept it was their people, not even a week later when several of the people involved were identified and arrested.

Those are not Trump supporters

- [Agustín Acosta](#) said “*there’s no insurrection, not even a disturbance*” and then adds “*there’s an evil intention to involve Trump with an insurrection so they can, in the coming days, ask for his arrest and for him to be impeached.*”
- [Agustín Acosta](#): Trump supporters have never been violent, there has never been violence during any Trump rally
- [Lourdes D’ Kendall](#): “*I refuse to accept that any of the individuals we saw there are genuinely people who support Donald Trump.*”
- [Lourdes D’ Kendall](#): “*Conservatives don’t act like anarchists, like BLM, like Antifa. Conservative people don’t go out to destroy (...) I don’t even need a very serious investigation to know that there were people infiltrated.*” Lourdes also adds that she doesn’t believe the woman who died was there to cause harm and says she was influenced by “others.”
- [Nelson Rubio](#): After a caller saying everything was planned and paid for, Nelson Rubio does not refute but instead elaborates saying “It’s very weird” and “I can’t believe that” while saying that it makes no sense that Trump supporters would take over the Capitol violently when Republican lawmakers were already making advances to call for an investigation of the election results and could have stopped the certification process.

Black Lives Matter and Antifa were involved

- [Agustín Acosta and Carines Moncada](#) repeat several times a story about how facial recognition technology was used to identify one member of Black Lives Matter at the Capitol, who had “*a long history of asking for Trump to be kicked out violently of the White House.... to drag and literally kick him out of the White House.*”
- [Lourdes D’ Kendall](#) reads the same story from the Washington Times, but mentions that the facial recognition technology matched at least “*two BLM members Philadelphia.*”



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- [Nelson Rubio](#), after a caller says that it was BLM and Antifa: “*Thank you, yes. There is a lot of content on social media, there's been videos and photographs coming out that point out that it could be elements from BLM or Antifa, or that this was organized (...) It seems like it was coldly calculated.*”

Sowing doubt

Comment after comment, show after show, conservative radio hosts continuously question what happened at the Capitol, disinforming and distracting their audiences away from the responsibility of Trump supporters. Almost all of the radio hosts use the argument about the lack of law enforcement and security at the Capitol that day as something intentionally planned and, on several occasions, infer that it was the job of the Democrats to guarantee such security.

- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#) constantly says “*we need an investigation and we need answers,*” and says we can’t “*we can't keep adding question marks and leave them hanging one after the other like hanging clothes.*”
- [Remedios Diaz Oliver](#), recurring guest on Ninoska Perez’ show, questions who did the attacks: “*The violence caused by certain questionable elements at the Capitol of the United States. (...) Really, if you analyze, the people who led that it doesn't seem like the typical Trumper that we've seen during four years.*”
- [Ninoska Perez](#), without confirming if what she is saying is correct, she still says it to instil doubt: “*I find it very strange that local Police haven't arrived, I don't know if those are instructions from the DC Mayor who wanted this spectacle, I don't know.*”
- [Maibort Petit](#), a guest on Agustin Acosta and Carines Moncada’s show recounts the events of January 6th at the Capitol “*have not been explained yet and there's no interest in explaining them.*” Maibort says that “*what we saw yesterday will help me to write a story that the big media will never want to tell because they have interests to write about the reality about what happened yesterday,*” inferring that what happened is different from what we are seeing in the news.

About BLM and other protests

References to Black Lives Matter protests become the go-to argument for right-wing radio hosts to compare with the attack at the Capitol and push back calls for accountability.



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- [Agustín Acosta](#) says that less than 1% of the people at the Capitol were responsible for the vandalism and they don't deserve to be called terrorists; calls out politicians and journalists for not saying anything during 9-10 months about the alleged vandalism of the Black Lives Matter protests:
"Terrorists are the gentlemen that burned 2,000 buildings during the spring, summer and fall in 140 cities across the United States; destroyed properties costing over 2 billion dollars; hurt over 1,000 police officers and federal agents; killed several police officers."
- [Agustín Acosta](#) says: *"When the radical left killed several Police officers, they stayed quiet; when the radical left hurt hundreds several secret service during the takeover of the White House, they stayed quite; when they burned over 2,000 buildings in Kenosha, Detroit, Minneapolis, Portland, in Oregon, over there in Seattle... they stayed quiet."*
- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#) talks about how Antifa went out to a rally in Columbus Circle (NY or DC) *"dressed up with anti-riot equipment, that equipment is expensive, that's not cheap... and these people don't work, that's their job, going out to the streets to intimidate. They must have deep pockets because that equipment is expensive."*
- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#) calls BLM protests "chusmas" and turbas". Says that *"las chusmas y las turbas were allowed to destroy everything they had in front of them and break windows"* for months and months. *"Sometimes they would come out with tvs that would fall from their hands because they were really big tvs... some of them are like abnormal or imbeciles, because how can you think that if you put the tv on top of the car it won't fall and break."*
- [Ninoska Perez](#): *"For 9 months we have seen cities destroyed, burnt cities, businesses shut down, loitering, dead people... but nothing happened, then it wasn't important, because there was a Mayor from a city saying it was the 'summer of love'."*
- Lourdes D' Kendall compares protests led by teachers and women with the attack on the Capitol to say *"this is not the first time this happens"*. She says that the [teacher protests](#) in Wisconsin caused *"millions and millions of dollars in damages,"* and also mentions that the [protests against Brett Kavanaugh](#) took over the Senate building.

Socialism is taking over



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The following are compilations of some of the most repeated messages by radio hosts linking a change in administration and Congress to the takeover of socialism and the end of our country as we know it.

Socialism is coming with the Democrats & the Biden administration:

- Agustin Acosta & Carines Moncada:
 - Democrats want to put Bernie Sanders, Alexandra Ocaso Cortez and others of the extreme, radical left will “grab the power and this country will be unrecognizable in 4 years”
 - *“I’m afraid that people don’t understand… and when one comes from places where freedom of speech is not allowed like for example Cuba or Venezuela… it’s that it begins with a figure, but this will not only end with Trump, this will continue, and what people don’t understand is that this will eventually get to the people, because communism eats its own children”* -- On this same segment she also says: *“What people don’t understand is that while they applaud that Trump’s (Twitter) account is canceled, or the accounts or applications are suspended, is that eventually the day when you don’t agree with something they think, you will also be eliminated from the map, because that’s how communism works…”*
 - To build on the idea that “socialist and terrorist dictatorships” benefit from the Biden administration, a guest on Acosta & Moncada’s show says that while the Trump administration adopted an international policy *“returning to paradigms of human rights, democracy and freedom”*, what *“the dictatorships of castro-chavismo like Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia, want the most… (including Argentina dominated by a Castro-chavista government)… what this group wants the most is a change in international policies from the United States.”* Also adds that these countries *“are allied of the main enemies of the United States such as Russia, Islamic terrorism, Iran and China, which are anti-imperialist, are drug-states and promote permanent aggression against the United States.”*
- Nelson Rubio & Rodrigo Durán, talk about how Democrats want to ban MAGA protests: *“they want to criminalize the opposition in the best communist fashion, according to some observers.”*

Compare the new administration with Venezuela, Cuba, China:

- Agustin Acosta & Carines Moncada:



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- Talk about what will happen with the economy, the country, and what is coming with the change in power. Carines Moncada, who is Venezuelan, says "[a lot of us have already seen this movie](#)" referring to what happened in her country and inferring it could happen here.
- Compare the impeachment process against Trump with what [Chavez, chavistas and the dictatorship in Venezuela did with Capriles](#)
- A guest compares the cancelling of social media accounts for Trump and his supporters, with what happens in China: "[When someone has something that the Chinese government doesn't like, they cut their capacity to communicate with the world outside and even worse.](#)"
- After Forbes' Editor wrote an [article](#) talking about how Trump staffers who actively participated or allowed lies from the administration should face consequences, Carines Moncada compares it to the Venezuelan "Tascon list" of people who voted against Hugo Chavez and says "[someone please tell me socialism isn't arriving here.](#)"

The end of America as we know it

- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#) mentions a survey where the majority of the people support a peaceful transition, to legitimize her views:
"The message of this is that people are tired, they are tired of what we're living, and you know why they are tired? Because the USA is still a center-right country, it's as simple as that. They are terrorized by everything that they are living, starting with censorship. I told you last week, it's not that censorship is coming, censorship already arrived a while ago, and people don't want to pay attention. There's no name for this in history. This goes against everything that the USA represents."
- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#): "Get ready! I'm telling you now, get ready to pay taxes... your whole life's dream. They will put their hands on the 2nd amendment, prohibiting guns."
- [Agustin Acosta](#) defends white-supremacists militias and explains they are groups of volunteers supporting understaffed and underfunded local law enforcement because they fear an invasion.
"They fear that if there's a civil, social situation in the United States, where for example there's a shortage of food for a while, people who are in urban centers

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like Atlanta go up to these places that are 1 hour or 1.5 hours away on the road, to seek food, loot and steal. So they have created these militias to support law enforcement.”

- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#): “*Do you really believe that a nation since 1973 when abortion was approved in this country, where we have already approved infanticide.*”
- [Nelson Rubio](#), while interviewing Maria Elvira Salazar about the new Congress, says that there are “*all sorts of barbarities from the ethical point of view (...) denaturalize the essence of family and this theory of mixing things with sex, I don't know, it seems aberrant to me.*”

Senator Warnock is a socialist

- [Agustin Acosta](#): “*Warnock is to the left of Bernie Sanders... He paid homage to Fidel Castro when Fidel Castro came the last time to the United Nations, and spoke wonders about Fidel Castro who after who was tired of killing people all over Latin America and in Cuba... he is to the far left of Putin.*”
- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#): “*Raphael Warnock is a person with a very very ugly file.*” Lourdes says he is accused of domestic violence, wants to separate church and state, and has Marxist roots. “*A man will arrive in the Senate of the United States of America who is a marxist, who comes from marxist roots.*”
- [Ninoska Perez](#) speaks for over six minutes about Warnock questioning an article the Washington Post wrote about him and about how their fact-checkers dismiss the claims that Warnock invited Fidel Castro to speak at his church:
“One of the most embarrassing events that took place at a church was at that church in Harlem where Fidel Castro was invited, where Fidel Castro was praised, where Fidel Castro was adored, where they had him there talking trash for an hour and all of them salivating. (...) Did Warnock oppose this? No! I didn't hear Warnock go out and say 'this man that you are bringing here, I'm going to protest and won't be here because he's a dictator'. No! Because all of them are in concubinage with this kind of people, they all adore Cuban dictatorship.”

Even the Pope is communist

- Nelson Rubio & Rodrigo Durán: Without mentioning their source, the hosts share news that someone **denounced the Vatican is using the life of Jesus to promote the globalist, communist agenda on immigration**. According to the news segment, Pope



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Francis “revealed the Vaticans’ affinity towards communism when expressing that the world needs new policies and rejected the magical theories of market capitalism. It doesn’t bother Francisco to show he’s open to issues such as gay marriage or abortion, and has been clear about his alignment with globalism/communism.”

Accountability on the media is communism too

- [Nelson Rubio](#) says people who call for accountability of the media and call them out for spreading conspiracy theories, are just “crazy people” with fascist and communist ideas of control

Witch-hunt against Trump, conservatives and American values

- Acosta & Moncada
 - After Forbes’ Editor wrote an [article](#) talking about how Trump staffers who actively participated or allowed lies from the administration should face consequences, [Agustín Acosta](#) said that the Forbes editor will “persecute White House staffers” and compared it to “*the persecution Hitler committed against jews in Germany.*”
 - About Twitter cancelling Trump’s account: “[When you censor something it's because you're hiding something. Or, why else would you censor something?... because they are leftist.](#)”
 - Carines Moncada and Agustín Acosta talk about the incident where a pilot threatened to land a plane in Kansas when a group chanting USA was disturbing the flight. “[Where is this pilot from? Because I can't believe he is an American.](#)” Later on the segment, they explain that many people in this country hate the flag, the anthem and the American values over which this country was founded, and Carines adds that “*this has a lot to do with the work... the relentless work that has been going on for many years, to indoctrinate... before we were worried about College, but now it's also in schools, since they are very little, they are injecting information that is not appropriate for a child that age.*”
 - “[They cancel accounts of people who are conservative but don't cancel the account of a pedophile.](#)”
 - [Guest](#) on Acosta & Moncada’s show: “*They're using the attack on the Capitol to persecute with violence the right, because there's hate towards the right, it's an attitude really of hate, we have to shut you up, you are an insolent if you express positions different than me.*”



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- Lourdes D' Kendall:
 - [Triumph is not enough. It's never enough for these people. The witch hunt already started](#)
 - Mentions that even though Democrats will continue a [witch hunt](#) against Trump and his sons and daughter, the real goal is to go after conservatism.
- Nelson Rubio & Rodrigo Durán:
 - [Democrats did a phone bank attacking conservative media](#): “*the threats already started, the warnings from them, trying to stop the truth, trying to stop journalism.*”

Repeating Trump's lies

- [The left created a chaos with COVID](#):
 - [Nelson Rubio](#): “*Extreme left-wing groups have spent millions of dollars to change this situation, creating a public opinion crisis in the media with the issue of coronavirus (...) I agree with President Donald Trump that the statistics have been falsified, because it was in order to create chaos with the topic of coronavirus. Have there been dead people? Yes, there have been... but sadly, we know that, imagine a Hospital where people were dying and everyone was being diagnosed with coronavirus and they died from a heart attack, but no, coronavirus.*”
 - [Rubio y Durán](#): “*A peruvian accused Bill Gates, George Soros and the Rockefeller family of creating the Coronavirus.*”
- [Trump fixed our economy and chinese communists are guilty of COVID](#) - [Remedios Diaz Oliver](#), speaking on Ninoska Perez' show: “*In reality, if you see, economically and other aspects, the country has never been better. Now we have the misfortune of the pandemic, that's not Trump's fault, that was sent by the Chinese, if someone is guilty are the Chinese communists and we avoid talking about that here.*”
- [Trump fixed our economy](#) - [Agustín Acosta](#): “*The guy who is leaving the White House and who should be packing up his bags, left them a hard level to follow because he left them an economy well squared on all four sides.*”
- [Our country needs a wall to stop drugs and crime](#) - [Agustín Acosta](#): “*Trump created the wall to protect the safety of the United States, to protect the entry of drugs, to protect the entry undocumented and illegals who come here and many end benefitting from social*

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service programs who have been created for Americans and end up being an expense for education, public health... What the President did was trying to bring order to a zone where the mess was out of control, where caravans would enter and brought tens of thousands of people every month and they come in like 'Pedro por su casa', where drug traffickers would bring cocaine, marihuana, drugs and amphetamines, and they would enter like 'Pedro por su casa' through the border..."

- [Hunter Biden received money from China](#) - [Nelson Rubio/Rodrigo Durán \(news segment\)](#): Without mentioning source, Nelson Rubio announces that there's new information about Hunter Biden's emails in an old laptop showing illegal activities and money received by Biden from a chinese company.
- [About Ilhan Omar](#): [Ninoska Perez](#), talking about Rep. Ilhan Omar: "*This woman is there because she's a Democrat and is protected by Democrats, has been accused of marrying her brother to get her residency, of fraud with money from her campaign managed by her boyfriend...*". The [NY Times](#) and [Reuters](#), among other outlets, fact-checked some of these claims as false or ungrounded.

Discredit Democrats, liberals, "the left", the opposition

- [Lourde D' Kendall](#): "*What has been speculated for several months that Biden is that, in a very elegant way, they will look for a way to make him disappear so she can be the President, because we know perfectly well that Biden is not able to hold office.*"
- [Lourdes D' Kendall](#): "*The hate, every single second is more and more palpable (...) What took over the Democratic Party, what they kindly call 'the left', they are moved by hate.*"
- [Agustin Acosta](#): "*Others dedicate themselves to farce, lies, to deceit, to poisoning. Because what they do is poison, insult, offend, destabilize, and break one of the ten commandments that God gave Moses, 'you shall not bear false witness', all they do is break that commandment every day several times.*"
- In the same segment, Carines Moncada adds: "[The enemy is always looking to see where you mess up.](#)"
- [Carines Moncada](#): "*Why are they so out of place? I see the liberal media, any show that you watch from liberal media I see them out of place, with anger. Even the citizens themselves on social media, the only thing they transmit is hate, they want to cancel everyone, they are out of place, bitter.*"



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- Agustin Acosta: “These people are destroying the nation, they are destroying society” / “These people were the ones who brought abortion to the United States. Abortion has caused the murder of 60 million children who were never born.”
- Lourdes D' Kendall : “We know perfectly well that what moves, unfortunately, a large number of those Democrats in Washington, is hate. And sadly, it's like any contagious disease, like COVID for example. In the minds of ignorant people (...) people with bad intentions like these Democrats that we see Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi, the squad, the list is long... don't you think that this is contagious? Don't you think that they make people's brains and souls sick.”
- Lourdes D' Kendall: “They are convinced that Trump followers, that Trump washed their brains. The message this is sending is that, according to them, you are stupid. You don't have the capacity to think for yourself.”
- Ninoska Perez and Lourdes D' Kendall mention Obama with his full name including his middle name: Barack Hussein Obama, to build on the negative perception of an Arab/Muslim name.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for reporters and media owners

The following are recommendations for radios hosts, producers and media owners to start tackling the spread of disinformation and offer listeners fact-based news and diversity of views and opinions:

- Fact-checking: A much needed journalistic practice during these times, radio hosts and producers should be required to fact-check any information or news before mentioning it on air.
 - This should extend to callers. If someone calls in to spread a conspiracy theory, the host should qualify it as “non-verified” claim
 - Hold hosts and pundits fully accountable for promoting hate speech and disseminating positions with no factual basis.
- Be explicit with your sources: Avoid mentioning sources with generic phrases like “according to some sources” or “Republicans said.” Instead, mention exact sources with name, title and/or organization, and mention where the source falls on the political spectrum.



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- Diversify sources: Ensure that news producers and hosts are not only quoting known right-leaning media sources, but also quoting a fair share of other media outlets that are considered centrist or liberal.
- Diversify political voices and opinions: In the spirit of respecting everyone's opinion and the independence of radio hosts to share their political views, media owners must guarantee that their audiences also have the opportunity to hear diverse voices and opinions from all sides of the political spectrum.
- Diversify Latino/a/x voices: Production and booking teams should learn more about the diversity of this country, put resources behind stories that highlight the history of democracy and racial justice in the U.S., integrate newer Latinx voices into their program to represent the diversity of our communities, and especially open space for Afro-Latino voices.

