



## **Governor LePage Calls President Obama a ‘Dictator,’ Says Trump Has ‘Authoritative’ Persona**

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Governor LePage called an impromptu news conference today in Augusta.

He covered a variety of topics, including his thoughts on this year’s presidential election, the state’s fiscal responsibility, and President Obama.

“Let me be clear, I believe the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, is a dictator,” said LePage.

Governor LePage detailed his frustrations with President Obama and how he believes he has been using the Executive Office to preserve his legacy rather than helping the American people.

“I think he has failed the American people. He has not worked with Congress.”

LePage went on to discuss the current presidential election.

“I’d be the first one to say this is not the greatest year for a presidential candidate and Donald Trump was not my first nor my second, but he is my third candidate.”

LePage, an outspoken fiscal conservative, received criticism over his comments regarding Trump in a radio interview on Tuesday. He says he misspoke when he said Trump should bring back ‘authoritarian’ power. He says he meant to use the word ‘authoritative.’

While he admits Trump wasn’t his first choice for President, he says his entrepreneurial abilities will help the country get out of its 20 trillion dollar debt. Plus, he believes Hillary Clinton’s carelessness with her deleted emails has put Americans at risk.

“If the laws were being abided by by the people inside the beltway in Washington, she’d be indicted. Donald Trump on the other hand is a very powerful personality and he has a very authoritative persona. Let me explain what I mean by that. When he’s in a room, people notice.”

LePage also highlighted the success of his fiscal responsibility in office, as the Cato Institute has just ranked him the number one governor in the country based on fiscal policies. He says he will continue to avoid the media when possible as they are most interested in sensationalizing mistakes.

“According to your writings, I’m about the biggest dumb ass there is on the face of the earth, and coming from you all, it’s a compliment.”