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Bring back waterboarding to fight Islamic State The Election Central

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Trump said Saturday "it doesn't matter" if he couldn't hear the question posed to him on Thursday, "but I do want databases for those people coming in, but I also insist on the wall, and it was all fine".

The controversy began with an interview Thursday from Yahoo News, in which Trump said that after threats from jihadist Islamic State (ISIS), he considers it necessary to "do things that have never been done before" to monitor the country's Muslims, things that "are going to piss people off" and were "unthinkable a year ago".

"I didn't suggest a database - a reporter did", Trump tweeted Friday. "I'm not going to call Jeb Bush low energy, I'm not gonna repeat it. I'm not gonna say Marco Rubio's a lightweight".

Donald Trump said the United States should bring back waterboarding and other enhanced interrogation techniques to fight the Islamic State, saying "we have to be strong" in the face of extreme brutality. I want to surveil mosques.

But he retreated quickly Friday morning, posting a note on his Twitter page that said: "I didn't suggest a database - a reporter did". "There are comments...by leading Republican candidates that harken back to the dark days of the 1930s". "I have to be treated fairly", he said.

A spokeswoman did not respond to a request for clarification Saturday about Trump's comments. The U.S. Holocaust museum has condemned the notion of turning away refugees, comparing the situation to the US turning away thousands of Jewish refugees during World War II, fearing they were Nazi collaborators. Are you unequivocally now ruling out a database on all Muslims?

He said the move would interfere with the First Amendment.

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks throughout a marketing crusade stop

Saturday, November 21, 2015, in Birmingham, Ala. The libertarian Cato Institute's Ilya Shapiro said the idea violates basic privacy and liberty rights.

"Singling out any ethnic or faith group to register with the government is morally repugnant, not to mention unconstitutional", AJC Executive Director David Harris said.

"At some point you've got to ask yourself: 'Wait a minute - is that the kind of country that we are?' "Clinton asked.

Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders also criticized Trump's comments.

"I agree that there's no such thing as political correctness when you're fighting an enemy who wants to destroy you and everything that you have anything to do with".

He later noted that singling out Muslims would be a "dangerous" precedent.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said creating a national registry based on religion and closing mosques "will do nothing to keep us safer and shows a lack of understanding on how to effectively prevent terrorist attacks".

"One of the hallmarks of America is that we treat everybody the same", he said.