

## Ryan rips Trump comments on Mexican judge after endorsement

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Just a day earlier, Romney signaled support for a possible third-party candidate instead of the presumptive Republican nominee.

“I hope he’ll change his direction on that”, McConnell said.

Trump also spent the week fighting with New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, who happens to chair the Republican Governors Association and is considered one of the party’s brightest rising stars.

McConnell made his comments on NBC’s “Meet the Press”, while Corker spoke on ABC’s “This Week”.

The Atlantic’s Molly Ball shared her reporting on how that divide will be a subplot as Romney, the former MA governor, holds his annual political retreat this week in Utah.

And Newt Gingrich, who became speaker of the House promising to open the GOP more to minorities, delivered the harshest warning of *all*.

For that alone, Paul Ryan had the Worst Week in Washington. ‘I completely disagree with the thinking behind that, ‘ the Wisconsin lawmaker continued.

Democratic nominee-in-waiting Hillary Clinton, not usually known for her zingers, delivered a speech that was positively Trumpian in the volume of insults she aimed at the man who will be at the top of the GOP ticket.

As Trump works to unify the fractured GOP behind him, these Republicans, Ryan among them, are struggling to show the same enthusiasm Trump has generated among rank-and-file conservatives across the nation. It’s the final major battleground between Clinton and Vermont Sen. She considered Trump’s comment that he might still add potential Supreme Court nominees to his list of justices as an example of something he could have made a more careful statement about.

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“The judge was appointed by Barack Obama”, Trump told a campaign rally on the same day as a hearing in the case.

Racial politics, for one.

As CNN's Jake Tapper asked Trump about his attack on Judge Curiel, "if you are saying he can't do his job because of his race, is that not the definition of racism?"

"I don't agree with what he had to say", McConnell remarked, reciting the talking point again. "I don't think it is". "To me this is a question of alternatives", Cole said Friday in a classic lukewarm embrace. Ilya Shapiro, a lawyer with the libertarian Cato Institute said, "Who knows what Donald Trump with a pen and phone would do?"

"Based upon my personal experience and employment, I believe that Trump University was a fraudulent scheme, and that it preyed upon the elderly and uneducated to separate them from their money", Ronald Schnackenberg, a Trump University sales manager from 2006-2007, said in his testimony.

The Republican speaker said he now has an increased comfort level with Trump's approach toward Ryan's priorities, including halting overreach by the president and executive branch.

A top Republican official said Friday night that Trump's comments on Curiel are making huge waves in the party. It's anybody's guess. But it suggests, at least, that within the Trump campaign, things like random verbal assaults on the party's highest-ranking Hispanic woman are part of the plan going forward.

There are reasons to be skeptical that the wall on the border would ever be built. "Trump has lowered the bar, and now is it a surprise that people who don't like him are stepping over that low bar?"

"I think he did the right thing", he added.

"Ryan was a party of one for a long time and now he has that problem solved", said University of Wisconsin-Madison political science professor Barry Burden. "I'd like to see him reach out and pull us *all* together and give us a real shot at winning this November".