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## 'Clog the lines': Internet trolls deliberately disrupted the Iowa caucuses hotline for reporting results | NBC

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The phone number to report Iowa caucus results was posted on a fringe internet message board on Monday night along with encouragement to "clog the lines," an indication that jammed phone lines that left some caucus managers on hold for hours may have in part been due to prank calls.

An Iowa Democratic Party official said the influx of calls to the reporting hotline included "supporters of President Trump who called to express their displeasure with the Democratic Party." The party official's comments were first reported late Wednesday by Bloomberg News.

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