

‘Not all Trump supporters’: Conservative media tries to shift blame, cast doubt on identities of Capitol invaders | The Washington Post

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Conservative radio host Mark Levin lambasted the Trump supporters who breached the U.S. Capitol building and shut down the electoral certification process on Wednesday afternoon as “fools” and “idiots” who should be prosecuted. But, he reassured his listeners, “None of you had anything to do with it. . . . You, we, are the law-abiding citizens of this country.”

Greg Kelly, the top-rated host on conservative upstart Newsmax, said “we condemn it unambiguously.” But, he told viewers during his prime-time show, “These people don’t look like Trump supporters. Trump supporters don’t do these things.”

Across conservative media platforms on Wednesday, the most popular figures in the pro-Trump media movement sought to draw a bright line between the Trump supporters who incited violence and Trump himself — even going so far as to cast doubt on the rioters’ true identities or sympathies.

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