

Racism, sexism congregate on Trump's Twitch channels during RNC | POLITICO

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It's a forum full of conspiracy theories, vulgar coronavirus debates and racist, sexist, anti-Semitic memes.

And it's in the comments section of an official Trump campaign livestream.

During the Republican National Convention, the Trump campaign and GOP have been airing the President Donald Trump-boosting content on Twitch, a popular, Amazon-owned livestreaming website renowned for its massive gaming community. The campaign's official Twitch account, as well as GOPConvention, the official Republican National Convention-affiliated account, has aired the past three nights of the convention to the Trump campaign's 133,000 followers, and to GOPConvention's 4,800 followers.

And thanks to the campaign's apparent choice to leave the comments unmoderated, the site provides an unedited, real-time window into the base instincts of some of Trump's youngest, most fervent supporters. The remarks range from absurdist tweeting profanity over and over, to overt fetishization of female speakers, QAnon theories and racist tropes; all while battling anti-Trump trolls spamming their comments with cruel jokes about Republicans in wheelchairs.

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