

ABC's *Good Morning America*

08/06/26

7:01:38 a.m. [TEASE]

12 seconds

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Attack; President Lashes Out]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: The President's new attack on progressive Democrat Abdul el-Sayed after he clinched a major victory in battleground Michigan. With the midterms less than 90 days away, the President dismisses Americans' concerns over the economy.

(....)

7:12:26 a.m.

2 minutes and 13 seconds

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: President Trump Lashes Out at Abdul el-Sayed]

MICHAEL STRAHAN: And we're gonna go now to President Trump lashing out at the Democratic candidate for Senate in Michigan, Abdul el-Sayyad [sic] — Sayed, as Democrats try to unite around him after his narrow primary victory. Senior political correspondent Rachel Scott is on Capitol Hill with the details and the el-Sayed's response. Good morning, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: Michael, good morning to you, and President Trump wasted no time going after Michigan's new progressive candidate, and a race that could ultimately determine control of the U.S. Senate. With the midterms left the 90 days away, President Trump out west, turning his economic speech into a blistering attack on progressive Democrat Abdul el-Sayed, just hours after he clinched a major victory in battleground Michigan.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Abdul el-Sayed, lovely gentleman. He's a man of hate.

SCOTT: This morning, el-Sayed punching back.

ABDUL EL-SAYED [on CNN's *The Source*, 08/05/26]: I'm glad he thinks I'm a lovely gentleman. A lot of people think so. Look, you know, this is the response that they have. You notice what he talked about. First, look at the background. It says no tax on tips. The man can't stay on focus. That's like the one thing that he did to offer any economic relief.

SCOTT: With Americans concerned about the economy and rising costs, the President is dismissing that.

TRUMP: The economy's the greatest economy we've ever had by far. The economy aren't good? The fake polls just like fake writers.

SCOTT: The President again promising that, as soon as the war ends, prices would go down on

oil and gas, then moments later saying this.

TRUMP: It's dropping, and we may have to send it up again. We may have to, you know what happens when we send it up, but we hope we don't have to.

SCOTT: The President trying to focus on el-Sayed branding him as a communist. El-Sayed saying he's ready for the attacks.

EL-SAYED: They're going to point at me and go point at other names, like, well, he's different. That's the best you got? You can't actually talk about what you want to do. My name is not raising your gas prices. My name is not taking us to war. My name is not the reason you can't afford groceries. You know what is? They're BS policies.

SCOTT: So, el-Sayyad will be running against Republican Mike Rogers. President Trump seemed to imply that having a progressive on the ticket would ultimately help Republicans. But of course, Democrats plan to put the frustrations that Americans have with his economic policies front and center in this midterm election.