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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Midterms 21 Days Away; President Campaigns in Ohio]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Three weeks until the final votes. President Trump tries to save a Senate seat in a state he won three times, attacking immigrant and Muslim candidates —

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Fallout; Rep Omar's Home Searched]

STEPHANOPOULOS: — hours after federal agents searched the home of Representative Ilhan Omar.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Rep. Ilhan Omar's Home Searched]

MICHAEL STRAHAN: The President attacked Representative Ilhan Omar from the stump hours after federal agents searched her home in a pre-dawn raid. The Minnesota congresswoman is calling it an act of political intimidation. Jay O'Brien is in Washington with the latest. Good morning, Jay.

JAY O'BRIEN: Michael, good morning to you. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar is a longtime political foe of President Trump's, and there are mounting questions this morning about why the DOJ broke with its tradition and executed that search on her home so close to Election Day. This morning, the extraordinary search of a sitting congresswoman's home, Representative Ilhan Omar, someone President Trump has attacked for years. Just months ago, in a series of social media posts, the President said Omar "should be investigated for Financial and Political Crimes, and that investigation should start NOW!" In another, the President writing, "she should be in jail." Hours after federal agents searched the congresswoman's D.C. home, the President insisting he's not involved.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: I think she's a terrible person, but that's really up to the DOJ. I have nothing to do with it.

O'BRIEN: The DOJ has a long-standing, unwritten rule avoiding taking public steps in politically sensitive investigations within 60 days of an election. But three weeks from the midterms, Homeland Security agents executed a search warrant authorized by a judge at Omar's Washington, D.C., area home Monday. Federal investigators were here since the early hours of the morning, parking a long line of police cars and evidence van, pulling boxes out of the

congresswoman's home.

FORMER DEPUTY AG DONALD AYER: You really have to wonder, why would they do this now? If they want to investigate it, why didn't they do it two months ago? Why didn't they do it six months ago? Or why don't they wait until after the election? But here we are, right before the election, and they're conducting a search.

O'BRIEN: The Department of Justice saying the search is tied to an ongoing criminal investigation. Sources tell ABC News the investigation relates to Omar's immigration paperwork. The progressive Democrat came to the U.S. as a Somali refugee in 1995. She became a citizen in 2000 at age 17. In a statement, Omar calling it all "political intimidation" and "an attempt to target political enemies and weaponize federal law enforcement," adding, "I will not be silenced." Fellow Democrats also rallying to Omar's side this morning. Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and other Democratic leaders in the House calling the search a "weaponization of the federal government against the President's political adversaries," Robin.

ROBERTS: Our thanks to you for your reporting on this.