

Trump Haters Make Death Threats Against Family of Couple Who Died in the El Paso Shooting After Viral Photo with Trump

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Relatives of a married couple killed in the El Paso, Texas mass shooting say they have received death threats after being photographed with President Trump giving a 'thumbs-up' gesture while First Lady Melania Trump held an orphaned child. Social media users directed vitriol not only at the president's demeanor in the photo, but also the families of victims for daring to pose with him. Tito Anchondo, whose brother and sister-in-law were killed, rejected critics who said President Trump was pushing a "political agenda," and said that "He was just there as a human being, consoling us and giving us condolences."

Andre and Jordan Anchondo were getting ready for a celebratory barbecue with friends and family when they decided to stop at the El Paso Walmart for supplies.

The family was celebrating the 6th birthday of their daughter, their first wedding anniversary as well as the completion of their new home. However, the young couple would never return back home.

The Anchondos found themselves in the midst of chaos when a shooter, who will not be named, opened fire taking the lives of 22 people.

Andre died shielding his wife Jordan who was in turn shielding their 2-month-old baby

Paul. Both parents were killed.

Little Paul suffered two broken fingers however, due to his parents' selflessness, he was otherwise alright.

Since the shooting, Andre's brother Tito Anchondo and his family is now caring for baby Paul and planning to make it a long term role of raising the little one. According to NPR, he says he now is driven to "to tell him that his father died a hero saving his life."

When the President and the First Lady travelled to Texas to meet with victims of the shooting, the Anchondo's handed little Paul to Melania so the First Family and the Anchondo's could honor the memory of Andre and Jordan together.

Tito says of the gathering:

"He was there as a human being, consoling us and giving us condolences."

He says the President "wasn't there pushing any political agenda."

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In a panel hosted by CNN, one panelist stated:

"What you have here is a picture of a president who has an empathy deficit. He keeps acting like a malfunctioning automation with these opportunities... it's not too much to expect that the president would act like a normal human being."

However, Tito Anchondo believes that President Trump is more sincere that he is being given credit for and thinks that critics take his statements the wrong way.

Anchondo said:

"And yes, maybe he said things in bad taste. But I think people are misconstruing President Trump's ideas."

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