

Follow-Up

The midterm elections have come and gone, but for the state of Mississippi one more voting for the official senator for Mississippi in Congress will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. One of the people running is none other than U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith. Hyde-Smith has been in the news a lot recently about a couple of comments that she made. On November 2, Hyde-Smith said, "If he invited me to a public hanging, I'd be on the front row." She said this while praising and thanking a cattle rancher for his support. Little did she know someone was recording the whole conversation. The video was posted on social media soon after and went viral for the whole nation to see.

On November 11, Hyde-Smith released a statement, saying: "In a comment on Nov. 2, I referred to accepting an invitation to a speaking engagement. In referencing the one who invited me, I used an exaggerated expression of regard, and any attempt to turn this into a negative connotation is ridiculous."

"I think that older mind states like hers are due to expire from our legal system. She is way too comfortable with her position," Maurice Rankin, a 43-year-old computer technician said, "And younger voters have to decide if they want their older population that think like this continue to make decisions that will affect their current and future generations."

"Oh wow," Angela Cherry, a 56-year-old factory worker, was shocked by the comment. When she was told that Hyde-Smith meant it as a joke, Cherry said, "She wasn't joking she said what she meant."

"It's a shame. She meant every word of that and she knows it," Latasha Easterling, a 44-year-old business analyst working for Mississippi said, "I just hope and pray people go vote, so people like her won't go to the senate and won't continue to hinder the growth of the nation."

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Not long after her comment about a “public hanging”, Hyde-Smith makes another comment about “making it just a little more difficult” for liberals to vote. On November 15, a Louisiana blogger posted Hyde-Smith saying, "that there's a lot of liberal folks in those other schools who that maybe we don't want to vote. Maybe we want to make it just a little more difficult. So I think that's a great idea." Hyde-Smith's campaign sent a statement saying that she was “making a joke” and suggested the video was “selectively edited.”

“As a computer technician, I know there is only so much tampering you can do to video and this video doesn't look like it was edited much,” Maurice Rankin said, “It's clearly her saying these words. For her to deny it with evidence is absurd.”

“Wow,” Angela Cherry said, “I still can't believe she's still talking. She meant every word. Neither one was a joke.”

“I don't understand why she is still trying to make a case for herself,” Latasha Easterling said, “It's obviously her and there wasn't much editing done to the video. I just think she needs to sit down and keep her mouth closed.”