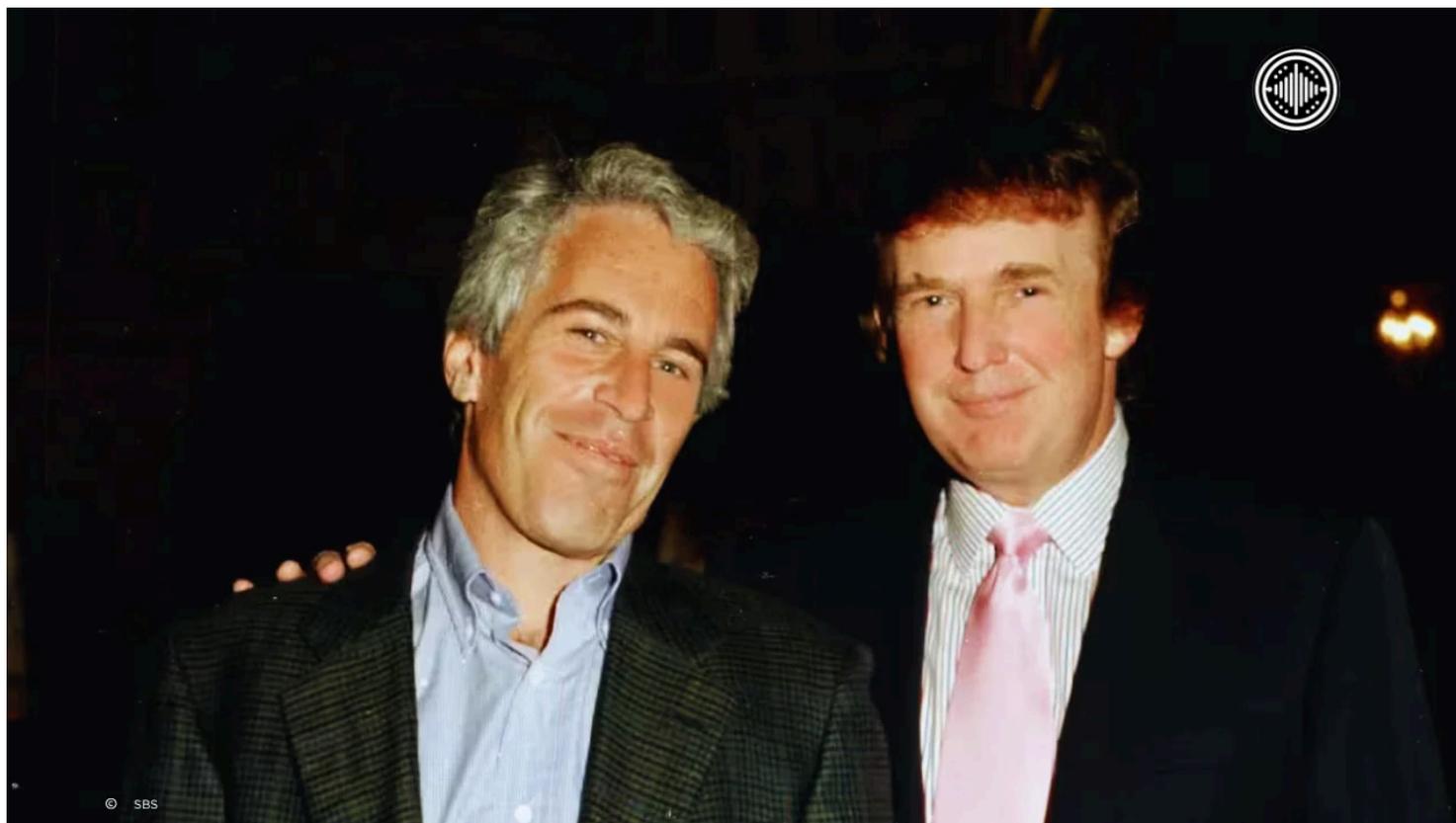


## Trump Pushes Back on Resurfaced Epstein Wedding Images

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U.S. President Donald Trump has firmly denied any wrongdoing after new photographs emerged showing convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein at his 1993 wedding to Marla Maples. The renewed attention on the decades-old images comes amid ongoing controversy surrounding the handling of the Epstein investigation, including public calls for the release of alleged client lists.

Images recently released show Epstein attending Trump's wedding reception at the Plaza Hotel in New York. In addition, media footage from a 1999 Victoria's Secret fashion show was unearthed, showing Trump and Epstein sharing a brief interaction. When asked about the resurfaced content, Trump reportedly reacted with disbelief, stating, "You're kidding me," before later labeling it "fake news." The president has long maintained that he cut ties with Epstein and even banned him from his Mar-a-Lago resort due to inappropriate behavior.

A statement attributed to the Trump team criticized the media coverage, calling the images "frame grabs" from public events and accusing political opponents of attempting to infer something sinister from standard social interactions. "The President kicked him out of his club for being a creep," the statement noted, arguing that this is simply the latest effort from partisan media to revive discredited narratives.

The timing of the photos' release has added fuel to broader public frustration over the unresolved aspects of the Epstein case. For years, Trump pledged transparency on the matter, including promises to disclose names from the financier's so-called client list. However, recent statements from government officials suggest that no such list has been formally documented, raising questions and sparking accusations of institutional stonewalling.

Amid increasing scrutiny, attention has turned to Ghislaine Maxwell, Epstein's longtime associate. This week, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) confirmed it plans to meet with Maxwell. Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche issued a statement affirming the DOJ's commitment to pursuing justice: "If Ghislaine Maxwell has information about anyone who has committed crimes against victims, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Justice will hear what she has to say."

Though critics have questioned the pace and transparency of the investigations, Trump and his allies remain confident that attempts to tie him to Epstein will ultimately prove baseless. The president continues to dismiss the renewed media attention as politically motivated, calling the situation "a distraction from the real issues Americans care about."

As the Department of Justice moves forward with potential testimony from Maxwell, it remains to be seen whether new evidence will emerge or whether this latest wave of controversy will fade like so many before it.