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You should know that last night, during Donald Trump's press conference in Dubuque, lowa there was a confrontation between Univision reporter Jorge Ramos and US Presidential Candidate Donald Trump.

After watching that interview, I believe that Jorge Ramos' actions were an embarrassment to Hispanics, immigrants, reporters and to Univision.

We all know that Donald Trump has become #1 in the polls because when he talks about immigration, he stirs a sentiment that resonates with many Americans who think that immigrants come here to take cover, be macho men, and enjoy the rights without respect, and do whatever they want to do.

Jorge Ramos's responsibilities were to wait until he was called upon like every other reporter, and to ask his question when called upon – not to grandstand about his views on immigration before he was called to even ask a question. It was embarrassing to watch Jorge Ramos conduct himself they way he did last night. He did not wait for his turn to ask a question, and he was not respectful when he did ask.

Even when he was allowed to return to the press room, Jorge Ramos started to ask his question with his own opinion: "Here's the problem with your immigration plan. It's full of empty promises."

Jorge Ramos' preamble to his question for Donald Trump showed us all how he was trying to engage in debate with Donald Trump – not to be an objective news reporter. He tried to tell Donald Trump what he can do and what he cannot do.

You should know that there is a reporter by the name of Gerson Borrero who has disagreed with me on many occasions, but when he interviews me, he asks direct questions and allows me to answer his questions. He does not inject his personal views into any of his questions. THAT is the job of a reporter.

With last night's behavior of Jorge Ramos, he made the case for many of Donald Trump's followers and other Americans who reject immigrants, thinking that we came here to take over without regard for any rules. I have to say that I believe Jorge Ramos' behavior may have helped Donald Trump's poll numbers to rise.

I am State Senator Rev. Rubén Díaz and this is what you should know.