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Marco Rubio Says People 'Get Rude And Stupid' At Town Halls

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The Florida Republican says that's why he won't be holding any.

When a constituent confronted Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) Thursday about why he wasn't holding a town hall event during this week's congressional recess, Rubio gave what seemed an honest answer.

"I don't know man, because town halls, people get rude and stupid ? on both sides," the senator told the man.

A community organizer for the Florida chapter of the Service Employees International Union tweeted a video of the encounter, which happened in a lecture hall at Florida International University, where Rubio teaches a class. The questioner appears to be Rafael Velasquez, a member of the Florida Democratic party's board of trustees.

[@Tomaskenn](#) We finally caught up with Senator Marco Rubio at [@FIU](#). He told us that he won't host a townhall because people act "rude and stupid."

The senator is one of several Republican members of Congress struggling with angry constituents as lawmakers take a break from Washington, D.C. Instead of getting [yelled at](#) for working with President Donald Trump to repeal Obamacare, Rubio and [many other Republicans decided](#) not to hold any public forums.

Rubio's constituents held a town hall on his behalf Thursday night, with an empty suit standing

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in for the senator. One woman pleaded with the suit not to repeal Obamacare, since doing so would leave her uninsured, unable to afford her medication, and then confined to a wheelchair and unemployed.

The man confronting Rubio earlier on Thursday suggested a town hall would allow the senator to hear from the people his represents, but Rubio said he didn't need to.

"I've heard the people," Rubio said. "I ran for office. I told everybody I was against Obamacare. I told everybody I was in favor of the things I was in favor of. I'm gonna do what I told people I was going to do."

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