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Trump declares media, global corporations are colluding with Clinton.

Conspiracy Is Alleged



Ivanka Trump, the candidate's daughter, was all smiles in Drexel Hill as she greeted her host, Erin Elmore, a past contestant on her father's reality show, "The Apprentice." Trump made three campaign stops in the Philadelphia area before a fund-raiser Thursday night. She didn't address allegations against her father, but those who attended didn't seem to mind. **Story, A3.** MICHAEL BRYANT / Staff Photographer

Republican nominee emphatically denies women's claims of abuse.

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Donald Trump issued a breathtaking call to arms Thursday as he emphatically denied allegations that he groped and kissed multiple women without their consent, claiming that his accusers were part of a global conspiracy to extinguish his outsider movement.

Scrambling to turn around his floundering campaign, Trump declared war on the media and multinational corporations, alleging they are colluding with Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton to orchestrate "the single greatest pile-on in history" and undermine his campaign, which he said was an "existential threat" to the global establishment.

"The Clinton machine is at the center of this power structure," the Republican nominee said at a rally in West Palm Beach, Fla. "Anyone who challenges their control is deemed a sexist, a racist, a xenophobe and morally deformed. They will attack you. They will slander you. They will seek to destroy your career and your family. ... They will lie, lie, lie."

Trump's fiery invective came just minutes after first lady Michelle Obama appealed to the morality of a nation by saying Trump's degrading comments about women were an affront to all citizens.

The dueling speeches made for a remarkable moment in a roiling presidential campaign and signaled that the final

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Donald Trump, in West Palm Beach, Fla., alleges that he is the target of "the single greatest pile-on in history." Getty Images