

Nigel Farage: Epstein files should be released

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Donald Trump's British ally says the affair has put the U.S. president "into conflict with much of his own base."



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LONDON — Nigel Farage has called for the U.S. government to release files relating to Jeffrey Epstein as President Donald Trump faces mounting pressure over his relationship with the late financier and convicted pedophile.

Trump is struggling to silence demands from his own supporters for more transparency on what the investigations into Epstein uncovered, despite the president saying the case was closed.

Asked on British radio station LBC whether further documents should be released, Farage said: "I think they should."

The Reform Party leader and longtime ally of Trump went on to say that he had never discussed it with the U.S. leader, but added: "I think this is one area where Donald has sort of put himself into conflict with much of his own base."

Farage observed that if he'd been of a different generation, he too would have probably come into contact with Epstein. "Had I been 10 years older, I would have done, because they were the circles ..." he added.

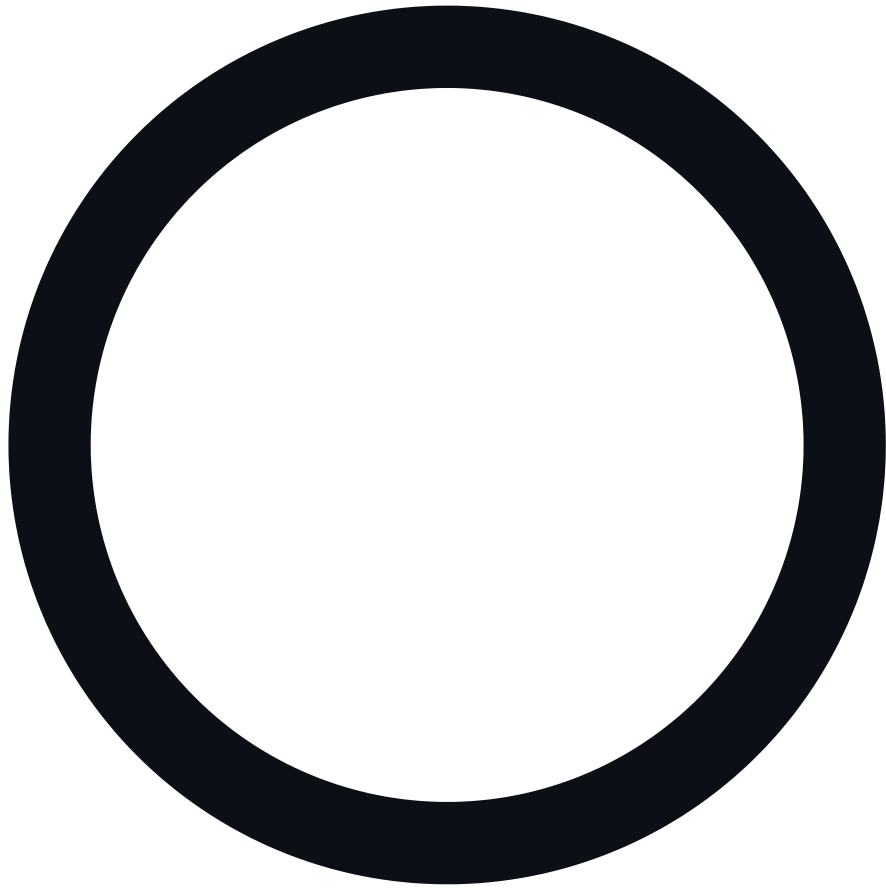
The [Wall Street Journal](#) reported that Trump was told in May by his attorney general, Pam Bondi, that his name appeared in files related to the investigations.

He was friends with Epstein in the 1990s and early 2000s, but has never been accused of wrongdoing in connection with the Epstein affair.

According to Trump, the pair fell out in the early 2000s, two years before Epstein was first arrested. The White House recently suggested that their fallout was connected to the late financier's behavior, and that "the president kicked him out of his club for being a creep."

But [Trump said Tuesday](#) that the relationship blew up when Epstein "stole" young women from his Mar-a-Lago beach club spa decades ago.

It remains a headache for the U.S. administration. Divisions over Trump's handling of the Epstein files threw House Republicans into chaos last week, forcing Speaker Mike Johnson to send the chamber home early.





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