

McCain Temper Transcript

00:05 - 00:08

Eleanor Apodaca: He is uncontrollable. He does not think before he acts.

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Pat Murphy: He has a very disturbing penchant for erupting unpredictably.

00:14 - 00:18

Jon Hinz: I've seen the dark side as they as they say of John McCain

00:18 - 00:23

John McCain: I will confess to you my friend that I get angry

00:28 - 00:31

Reporter: McCain is known to have a hot temper..

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Reporter: Several of his colleagues say he has a hothead

00:34 - 00:41

Eleanor Apodaca sister of POW/MIA

Eleanor Apodaca: This is not passion this is deep anger and hostility toward other human beings

00:41 - 1:26

Sen. Dennis DeConcini US Senator, Arizona 1977 - 1995

Sen DeConcini: First time we had a bill, Tim Worth of Colorado the senator there who had served with John McCain in the house had come over before was pushing back he was holding up our bill so we walked back I'll never forget walking back to the capital and we were talking to Sen Worth about pulling off his hold, it was a hold that was blocking this legislation and McCain got mad as can be and started pointing his finger at Worth's chest you know, and afterward I went to see Tim and worked on a legislation that we finally got passed he said no I learned that in the house that McCain blows his temper and when in close to him he has a difficult time coping with that.

1:26 - 1:48

Keith Olberman: Well it's not just Senators expressing concern about him according to Salon.com it's the military. Major General Paul Eaton telling salon.com quote 'I'm a little worried about his knee-jerk response factor..I think it's a little scary.' Former Republican and Former Airforce Chief of Staff General McPeak quote 'McCain had got a reputation for being a little volatile.' Major General Scott Gratton quote 'I have tremendous respect for John McCain but I would not follow him.'

1:49 - 2:46

Jon Hinz Former Executive Director of the Arizona Republican Party

Jon Hinz: The election night it was an extremely good night for republicans in Az John McCain finished up his remarks and came into the suite and wanted to review what he'd said and as they replayed the tape John noticed as we all did that you could not see his mouth because of the height of the platform John confronted Robert Wexler who was the head of the young republicans at that time and began to poke him in the chest as his his custom when he's angry and up close to someone. Wexler, who up to that minute had been slapped on the back and congratulated for an outstanding job was suddenly being torn apart in a public setting by the newly elected Senator.

2:46 - 2:57

Pat Buchanan: He is in everybody's face did you see Thad Cochran's comment he said 'look John McCain is a belabored red faced angry guy who constantly explodes.'

2:58 - 3:39

Eleanor Apdaca: A group of about two dozen of us went to the Senate Russell building to.. in the hopes of talking with Senator McCain he refused to talk to us he refused to even make arrangements for a meeting we had gathered on both sides of the hallway

just a short distance from McCain's office when we saw McCain and a young woman come from his office I then saw Jeannette Jenkins the neice of a missing man she stepped forward but before she could say anything McCain backhanded her, she hit the wall and it was so loud that it resonated in the hallway.

3:39 - 3:48

Pat Murphy Former Editor & Publisher, Arizona Republic

Pat Murphy: You know this kind of record over a lifetime would indicate to anybody there is a certain instability in the man's attitude and his ability to control his temper.

3:48 - 3:54

Sen. Dennis DeConcini US Senator, Arizona 1977 - 1995: these commercials that you heard about phone calls at 3 o'clock in the morning I wouldn't want John McCain answering that phone.

3:55 - 3:58

Jon Hinz: Do I trust him with the button? No.