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Mapp Wants To Be Remembered As A Hard Worker And Someone Who 'Claps Back'

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ST. CROIX -- Governor Mapp said in an interview with The Consortium on Thursday, that if he's disrespected on social media, he'd probably respond in kind, stating that while he sought the role of governor and expected to be criticized, being derided in certain derogatory terms, including racist slights, would not go unanswered.

Asked how would he liked to be remembered when he leaves office, the governor gave a par-for-the-course response by stating as a governor who worked hard for the people.

But he gave another answer as well: As a governor who claps back, or one who hurls insults right back at the offender, be it a political candidate or constituent.

"As a hard worker, really trying and making progress for the people the territory," the territory's leader said of how he'd like to down in history. "And I'd like a little bit on the side as a no-nonsense kind of guy. You know, I think the young people call it clap back."

He added: "The legacy I'm working to leave is one of really being very serious about managing the affairs of the people of the territory, and ensuring that the best benefits come back to them, and protecting and managing their assets and their business involvement as I would do my home. And I have a very good team of people working with me in this government. I have a great lieutenant governor working with me in this government, and I think we're going to pull that off."

"I think at the end of the day, when history writes about this administration, they're going to have asterisks because everybody don't have my type of personality. But I think in general we will be viewed as really putting the best effort forward and really keeping our nose to the grindstone, and knowing the issues and being able to represent the people of this territory any place we go."

Feature Image: Governor Mapp is sheltered by security [during the 2016 Memorial Day event](#) in Christiansted. (Ernice Gilbert, VIC)