

Man's Interactions With Uber Driver Goes Viral (Video)

A University of Michigan student's confrontation with an Uber driver has gone viral.

In a video of the incident (below), taken by driver Artur Zawada on March 23, student Jake Croman can be seen among a group of fellow students yelling at Zawada, calling him a "minimum wage fa****" and saying that the university "don't give a s****" about him.

The video went viral before Croman was identified, with the Michigan Review later confirming via a fellow student that Croman was the student in the clip.

A spokesman for Tau Kappa Epsilon, the fraternity that Croman belongs to, later released a statement condemning his behavior.

"Tau Kappa Epsilon has begun our investigation into the video which allegedly contains one of our members," the spokesman said, according to The Tab.

"We are extremely disappointed by the individual's demeaning words. As an organization founded on the personal worth and character of the individual, our members come from a wide range of diverse backgrounds of race, creed, and orientation.

"At the conclusion of our swift, thorough investigation, we will handle the situation with appropriate action. Depending on the details of the investigation, this could include the expulsion of membership."

Croman subsequently commented on the incident to the The Tab, telling the site that the clip "shows one side of an argument" he had with Zawada.

According to Croman, Zawada made an offensive remark to him and refused to drive him based on his religion.

"I am not proud of my reaction to his discrimination and I regret my choice of words," Croman said. "Shortly after the verbal altercation, I filed a complaint with the Ann Arbor police department and they are now dealing with the issue."

Croman is the son of multimillionaire Manhattan landlord Steve Croman, who was probed in 2014 for using illegal tactics to force tenants from his building, the New York Daily News reported.

Uber also released a statement about the incident, saying they were investigating the incident further.

"Any type of aggression or harassment is simply unacceptable and violates Uber's code of conduct for riders and drivers," a company spokesperson said. "We are looking into all the details as we investigate this incident and are in touch with everyone involved."

Zawada's YouTube video of the incident has been viewed over 600,000 times as of March 29.