


Exhibit 19

Trump Refused To Answer A Question From A CNN Reporter In A Press Conference With Theresa May

The president did, however, take a question from Fox News, which he called "a real network".

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President Trump used the global stage to call an unfavoured cable news network "fake news" on Friday, at a joint press conference with British prime minister Theresa May.

During a question and answer session after both leaders had delivered short speeches, Jim Acosta of CNN attempted to ask the

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journalist dishonest and the network possibly worse than CNN.

He then took a question from Fox News, which he called "a real network".



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When a CNN reporter tried to ask Trump a question at a news conference, Trump said "CNN is fake news. I don't take questions from CNN. John Roberts of Fox. Let's go to a real network."

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John Roberts, the Fox reporter, said in an emailed statement that he supported his White House press corps colleagues and that it was unfair to marginalise them.

"In today's press conference, I paused while my colleague from CNN went back and forth with President Trump over a question," he said. "When it became clear that the president wasn't going to entertain a question from him, I proceeded with my question, as did my fellow colleagues in the press corps.

"I know Kristen Welker of NBC. She is honest as the day is long. For the President to call her dishonest is unfair. I also used to work at CNN. There are some fine journalists who work there and risk their lives to report on stories around the world. To issue a blanket condemnation of the network as 'fake news' is also unfair."

Trump and his supporters have a long history of goading or ignoring CNN, as well as other news outlets. Trump has refused to take Acosta's questions before, and just last month the reporter was booted and told to "Go home, Jim!" at a Trump rally in South Carolina.

But Trump, despite his assertion that he never takes questions from CNN, did so yesterday. After he'd had made some strong comments about Germany's defence spending and reliance on Russia at the NATO summit in Brussels, the president was asked by

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to authoritarian leaders to restrict press freedom, a view shared by others in the media industry.



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The U.S. president doing this abroad is like giving authoritarian leaders around the world, who put reporters in jail, who try to quash a free press, a green light.

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Trump: "I don't take questions from CNN. Fake news. Let's go to John Roberts of Fox. A real network."



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Trump is not just being un-American in denying CNN access, he is sending a message to the world that the President of the United States does not believe in a free press, giving license to autocrats everywhere to follow his lead.

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Feuds between media outlets and presidents are not new. President Obama was openly critical of Fox News and its nakedly negative coverage of his administration – but attempts to ban its reporters from government press briefings were resisted and widely criticised by other media outlets.

In 2009, officials had attempted to omit Fox News from a Treasury briefing, but other networks [refused to take part](#) until its journalists were allowed in.

CNN declined to comment.

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