

The Fascist Trump/Pence Regime Is Demonizing the Press

RefuseFascism.org FACT SHEET #4:

“The Trump/Pence Regime is a Fascist Regime. Not insult or exaggeration, this is what it is. For the future of humanity and the planet, we, the people, must drive this regime out.”
– from the Refuse Fascism Call to Action

A central characteristic of fascism is the insistence that everyone adopt and promote their centrally produced narrative – even when it is flagrantly untrue and violently harmful. All throughout his campaign, and in an even more sustained and chilling way since becoming president, **Trump has not only repeatedly LIED – he has fought hard to discredit, threaten, and destroy any media outlet that does not fall in line with his LIES.**

- On August 25, 2015, at a press conference in Iowa, Jorge Ramos questioned Trump about his deportation plans. Trump had thugs throw Ramos out of the press conference, and snarled at him to “go back to Univision” (a major Spanish language TV network). In case anyone missed Trump's coded language, a Trump supporter assailed Ramos (a U.S. citizen) and ordered him to “get out of my country.”
- On January 11th, CNN's Jim Acosta attempted to question Trump about his attacks on CNN, calling out: “Since you are attacking our news organization, can you give us a question?” Trump shouted him down, saying, “No, not you, not you, your organization is terrible... quiet, quiet... No, I’m not going to give you a question. You are fake news.” Acosta says that afterwards, Trump’s press secretary told him that “if I were to do that again I was going to be thrown out.”
- On January 25th, Steve Bannon, Trump's top advisor and founding member of Breitbart, told the *New York Times*, “The media should be embarrassed and humiliated and keep its mouth shut and just listen for a while.”
- On February 17, Trump tweeted, “The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American People!”
- On Feb 24th, after Trump repeatedly lambasted them as “enemies of the people,” the Trump White House blocked the *New York Times*, *Politico*, *Buzzfeed*, and the *Los Angeles Times* from a press briefing. This has never happened before under *any* president.
- Meanwhile, the White House has credentialed and/or Trump has given interviews to extreme “alt-right” (i.e.: white supremacist and neo-Nazi) media outlets and Christian fascist networks like Brietbart, the Christian Broadcast Network, and others.

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