

Former CNN Anchor Chris Cuomo Slams Democrats for Demonizing Trump Voters

Description

USA: Ex-CNN anchor Chris Cuomo on Monday criticized Democrats for their unflattering characterization of those voting for former President Donald Trump.

Cuomo, who joined NewsNation in June after being fired by CNN last December, started a Twitter thread by questioning his former employer over a report from that day.

CNN reported on claims that Trump said he wouldn't leave the White House following the 2020 election. The report is based on a forthcoming book by New York Times reporter and open Trump critic Maggie Haberman.

"Does this matter? Yes—in the pursuit of justice, which is happening aggressively by most accounts," Cuomo said. "However—do Dems win more votes by chasing Trump or catering to hopes and fears of those who were disaffected/desperate enough to vote for him?"

Following the comment, Cuomo responded to a Twitter user who stated that the "disaffected voter theory" has been debunked.

"What are you talking about? It is not a theory...it is a reality I witnessed in countless [interviews] with voters who saw their vote as a rejection of the norm...who knew their guy was deeply flawed but he was their guy and a rejection of what they also saw as malignant in dc," Cuomo wrote.

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In a separate post, the anchor said he knew many Trump voters who are "very open to reasonable, regular rhetoric."

When another user suggested that those supporting Trump "happened to be racist and xenophobic," the TV personality said this demonization could be the reason that those who had supported Trump refused to vote for Democrats.

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Cuomo also responded to a third user claiming <u>Trump supporters</u> "demonize immigrants, Jews, African Americans and anyone who isn't 'Christian' by their standards."

"I think you need to look more OFF twitter/social media," he said. "This place is not reality. It is an exaggeration that caters to fringe and those who profit from it."

This is not the first time the former host blasted Democrats. In July, Cuomo questioned the House's Jan. 6 committee in his new podcast show, "The Chris Cuomo Project."

"Less so I think around the planning and the practical aspects of what happened on January 6. I don't see that there's criminality there, at least on what's been offered," he <u>said</u> in the program. "My question is are we really learning enough about what matters, or is this starting to play like a gotcha game, like the impeachment?"

Cuomo was <u>ousted</u> last year after an investigation ordered by New York's attorney general uncovered how he helped his brother, then-New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, respond to sexual misconduct claims.

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