



The Tucker Text That Panicked Fox's Top Brass: "It's Not How White Men Fight"

Description

A Tucker Carlson text message captured during the discovery phase of the Dominion Voting Systems defamation suit against Fox News alarmed the network's top brass and "contributed to a chain of events that ultimately led to [his] firing," according to *The New York Times*.

The content of Carlson's text, which was first reported and published by the *Times* on Tuesday night, was given to the paper by "several people close to the defamation suit." **They did so in violation of a court order** protecting various communications that surfaced in discovery.

The text in question was sent by Carlson to one of his producers on the afternoon of Jan. 7, 2021 — the day after the January 6 riots on Capitol Hill. In the lengthy message, a candid Carlson introspectively shares the feelings he had when, a few weeks earlier, he'd seen video of "at least three" Trump supporters surrounding a single Antifa "kid" and severely beating him. Referring to the ratio of attackers to victim, Carlson said:

"Jumping a guy like that is dishonorable obviously. It's not how white men fight."

He went on to confess that **he'd initially found himself "rooting for the mob...hoping they'd hit him harder, kill him."** Then, Carlson said, he'd **realized he was "becoming something I don't want to be..."** I shouldn't gloat over his suffering. I should be bothered by it...If I reduce people to their politics, how am I better than he is?"

REDACTED PORTION OF EXHIBIT 276

Tucker Carlson January 7, 2021 — 04:18:04 PM UTC

A couple of weeks ago, I was watching video of people fighting on the street in Washington. A group of Trump guys surrounded an Antifa kid and started pounding the living shit out of him. It was three against one, at least. Jumping a guy like that is dishonorable obviously. It's not how white men fight. Yet suddenly I found myself rooting for the mob against the man, hoping they'd hit him harder, kill him. I really wanted them to hurt the kid. I could taste it. Then somewhere deep in my brain, an alarm went off: this isn't good for me. I'm becoming something I don't want to be. The Antifa creep is a human being. Much as I despise what he says and does, much as I'm sure I'd hate him personally if I knew him, I shouldn't gloat over his suffering. I should be bothered by it. I should remember that somewhere somebody probably loves this kid, and would be crushed if he was killed. If I don't care about those things, if I reduce people to their politics, how am I better than he is?

According to *Times* sources, **the Fox board saw the provocative text just one day before the network was to begin defending itself** in the Dominion lawsuit, and **feared the network's reputation could be harmed** by Carlson's implicit assertion that white people generally fight more honorably than others, and by his candid admission of his cheering on political violence — however fleeting that latter feeling was, as his conscience apparently prevailed over ideologically-driven bloodlust.

The day after the board saw Carlson's text, it notified executives it would be tasking an outside law firm, [Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz](#), to investigate Carlson. The *Times* notes that **other Carlson messages "referred to women — including a senior Fox executive — in crude and misogynistic terms."**

Fox hasn't commented on the reason the network and Carlson "agreed to part ways." *The Times* didn't disclose the affiliations of the people "close to the defamation suit" who turned over the text message, but it's easy to imagine that — along with the behind-the-scenes views of Fox — it came from a network employee or associate. **With its ratings suffering from Carlson's departure — and legal wrangling with Tucker in the offing — Fox has a motive to shed unflattering light** on the dethroned king of prime time network news.

Wow, Tucker Carlson talks and texts like a normal human being in private.

Devastating Fox News, absolutely devastating.

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Carlson was asked about the text during a deposition, according to the *Times*, which — along with other outlets — has asked the judge in the defamation suit to release messages that remain under seal.

Fox avoided trial by settling the suit for \$787.5 million. However, **even if the case went to trial, the newly-published text may not have become public**. First, Dominion lawyers would have had to decide they want to introduce it, and the judge would then have to rule it admissible.

In the now-settled case, **Dominion had accused Fox of knowingly airing false information** suggesting Dominion machines were rigged to help President Biden win in 2020.

While we're certainly not endorsing the view, Tucker's suggestion that non-whites are more prone to mounting group violence against outnumbered victims — or [aggressing](#) in [otherwise dishonorable ways](#) — may indicate he'd been exposed to an ongoing stream of viral videos that anecdotally reinforce such beliefs.

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Graphic video from Oakland, Calif. at a street occupation on April 30 shows a mob beating a victim on the ground until he is unconscious. The man's car was hit & he got out of the vehicle before being jumped. The mob then continue performing street stunts.

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