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CNN Viewership Plummets Following Town Hall With Trump

Following Donald Trump's town hall at CNN on Wednesday night, CNN's viewership dropped precipitously. Media website Mediaite+, which tracks such trends, [reported the brutal news](#): On Friday, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, CNN's viewership averaged just 335,000 total viewers, falling below its rivals Fox News and MSNBC.

Most galling to the left-wing news outlet is that its viewership also dropped below that of newcomer conservative news outlet Newsmax.

The *New York Post* could hardly contain its excitement, reporting the bad news for its liberal rival:

Friday's edition of the Cooper-hosted "AC360" at 8 p.m. drew 447,000 viewers, well below his usual average.

The ratings just kept getting worse throughout the night, with just 293,000 tuning in for "Whole Story with Anderson" at 9 p.m. and 263,000 for "Who's Talking to Chris Wallace" — the lowest-rated hour since the show launched on CNN in September....



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The rolling catastrophe was not totally unexpected. In March, CNN reported that its viewership had dropped 61 percent year over year, and April also ended down for the news network.

The British liberal outlet [Daily Mail](#) piled on:

The cable channel was trounced by the conservative station [Newsmax] in every slot from 8pm to 11pm. Star anchor Anderson Cooper mustered just 447,000 viewers for his flagship 360 show - 20,000 less than Eric Bolling, formerly of Fox News.

Cooper's new Friday night show at 9pm, The Whole Story With Anderson Cooper, fell even wider of the mark with 293,000 tuning in. That compares to 325,000 who watched Chris Plante, an ex-Pentagon Correspondent for CNN, on Newsmax.

In the 10pm slot, Chris Wallace - the Democrat-voting former Fox host - managed just



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263,000 viewers compared to Greg Kelly who secured an audience of 278,000.

Justice may be slow, it is said, but it is sure. One of Donald Trump's legacies, whether he ever sees the inside of the Oval Office again or not, is his exposure for even the most disinterested citizen of how the mainstream media, headlined by CNN, have been taken over by anti-American activists and have turned the once-honorable profession into a shill for communism and tyranny.

Sharyl Attkisson, the award-winning investigative journalist, started tracking the media's lies in August 2016, in the run-up to the presidential election that surprisingly put Trump into the White House. Through March 2022, she had counted 156 provable lies, falsehoods, and deliberate and intentional misstatements made by the mainstream media, many of them from CNN.

Here are just a few examples:

September 5, 2017: CNN's Chris Cillizza claimed that Trump had "lied" when stating that Trump Tower had been wiretapped. It was later learned that numerous wiretaps had indeed been conducted against Trump Tower;

May 16, 2018: CNN's Oliver Darcy deceptively excerpted a Trump comment in a manner that made it seem as if the President had referred to immigrants or illegal immigrants generally as "animals." But in fact, Trump was referring specifically to members of the murderous MS-13 criminal gang;

May 28, 2018: CNN's Hadas Gold used her Twitter page to share a news story with photos of illegal-immigrant children in cages at U.S. detention facilities, as though the story and photos were about conditions under the Trump administration. But the article and photos were actually from 2014, when Barack Obama was president;

January 22, 2019: CNN was one of multiple news outlets that mischaracterized as aggressors a group of Trump-supporting Catholic teenagers from Kentucky at a pro-life rally in Washington, D.C.

It is remembered that Nick Sandmann, the target of vitriol by the mainstream media, sued the major news outlets, including CNN, for their role in promoting that last myth. His suit sought damages of \$275 million from CNN, but rather than go to court and be further subjected to exposure of its bias during discovery, CNN decided instead to settle for an undisclosed but substantial sum.

In 2019, Cary Poarch, a CNN employee, offered his services to Project Veritas to go undercover to expose the outlet's rampant bias. His exposures included a video clip exposing the extreme bias and hatred of Donald Trump by Jeff Zucker, the then-president of CNN. Said one of Zucker's top people: "Jeff Zucker - basically president of CNN - has a personal vendetta against Trump. Your own biases are gonna be there. They're going to seep into what you think, they're gonna seep into what you say, so if Jeff Zucker like blatantly hates Trump, and he runs CNN (which he does) ... it's not gonna be positive for Trump. He hates him [Trump]. It's gonna be negative!"

Long sowing the wind (and the airwaves) with its anti-Trump, anti-American vitriol, CNN is now reaping the whirlwind of slumping viewership. Viewers now know that when they watch CNN they are watching the Communist News Network, and are turning elsewhere — to get news instead of propaganda.



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