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# BREAKING: What Is The Point of CNN?

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[Andrew Stiles](#) - SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 5:00 PM

CNN is a mid-tier cable news network that provides non-stop breaking news to bored airport travelers and internet journalists. The network has [breathlessly covered](#) President Donald Trump's every fart and utterance since 2015 and has contributed to the "national dialogue" through countless interviews with serious public intellectuals. [Michael Avenatti](#), for example.

One of CNN's most recent hires, [former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe](#), was found to have lied to federal investigators under oath prior to his firing in March 2018. In addition to his role as CNN contributor, McCabe has a new side hustle: [Keynote speaker at Democratic Party fundraisers](#).

And speaking of the network's keen eye for talent, CNN [invited](#) celebrity white nationalist Richard Spencer on in June to discuss Donald Trump's "racist tweets." Brian Stelter, who hosts a show called *Reliable Sources*, recently nodded along as his guest, former Duke University chair of psychiatry Allen Francis, argued that Trump "may be responsible for many more million deaths" than [genocidal dictators Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, and Mao Zedong](#).

It wasn't the first time Trump has been [compared to Hitler](#) on the network. CNN host Don Lemon did it in July, which could explain why the *New York Times* has reportedly [banned reporters from appearing on Lemon's show](#). In addition to interviewing Michael Avenatti dozens of times on his show, Lemon hosted the disgraced lawyer at a party in the Hamptons.

It's okay. I saved that deleted tweet of CNN hosts partying it up with Avenatti. Why would such a thing need to be deleted? [pic.twitter.com/iutCtnwaxi](https://pic.twitter.com/iutCtnwaxi)

— Stephen Miller (@redsteeze) [May 17, 2018](#)

CNN recently defended host [Chris Cuomo](#) after he was [filmed](#) berating a heckler who called him "Fredo." Cuomo equated "Fredo," a reference to the ne'er-do-well brother in *The Godfather*, to the N-word. The network agreed with Cuomo that the F-word-that-rhymes-with-Play-Doh is, in fact, an "ethnic slur."

The network is currently focused on 24/7 Zapruder-esque analyses of "Sharpie-Gate," a self-inflicted and self-perpetuated Trump scandal of the utmost national significance.

The point is: Everyone watching TV on Sunday knew Dorian was a Bahamas Florida, Georgia, Carolinas storm. A single glimpse at a map showed that Alabama wasn't going to be "hit." So what does this episode tell us about Trump's critical thinking skills? <https://t.co/SdOx3PEayQ>

— Brian Stelter (@brianstelter) [September 6, 2019](#)

Of course, it wouldn't be an important national news story unless CNN's ace reporter Chris Cillizza was talking about it as well. (He was!) If you're still not convinced that cable news is merely a collection of social media addicts yelling about the things they saw on Twitter, consider the following clip in which Cillizza attempts to deploy a [digital meme](#) in a spoken conversation about "Sharpie-Gate."

<https://twitter.com/MattNegrin/status/1169730540767010816>

On a related note, CNN's public relations department recently "clapped back" at the White House press office on Twitter after it mislabeled a state in a segment criticizing Trump's

understanding of geography.

Thanks, Stephanie. Yes, we made a mistake (which we fixed in less than 30 seconds). And now we are admitting it. You all should try it sometime.

— CNN Communications (@CNNPR) [September 5, 2019](#)

CNN has contributed to the national dialogue in other ways. For example, the network recently hosted a marathon "climate crisis town hall" during which Democratic presidential candidates discussed the need to limit carbon emissions from air travel, proposed government-backed initiatives to limit the consumption of red meat, and promised to use taxpayer dollars to abort children in poor countries.

In between segments, CNN [aired commercials](#) promoting "the world's first luxury travel subscription" and the Golden Corral restaurant chain, where diners can enjoy "endless sirloin and St. Louis-style ribs."

No joke, this was the actual commercial lineup CNN played earlier <https://t.co/1Mx8e5MDsw> [pic.twitter.com/xOgANkNsxx](https://pic.twitter.com/xOgANkNsxx)

— Zach Parkinson (@AZachParkinson) [September 5, 2019](#)

If there's a point to any of this, what is it?