

White House pool spray [via ABC News Live]
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MARY BRUCE: Is it appropriate, Mr. President, for your family to be doing business in Saudi Arabia while you're President? Is that a conflict of interest? And Your Royal Highness, the U.S. intelligence concluded that you orchestrated the brutal murder of a journalist. 9/11 families are furious that you are here in the Oval Office.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Who are you with? Who are you with?

BRUCE: Why should Americans trust you?

TRUMP: Who are you with?

BRUCE: And the same to you, Mr. President.

TRUMP: Who are you with?

BRUCE: I'm with ABC News, sir.

TRUMP: You're with who?

BRUCE: ABC news, sir.

TRUMP: Fake news, ABC fake news. One of the worst.

BRUCE: But the question is [inaudible].

TRUMP: One of the worst in the business. But I'll answer your question.

BRUCE: thank you.

TRUMP: I have nothing to do with the family business I have left. And when — I've devoted 100 percent of my energy, what my family does is fine. They do business all over. They've done very little with Saudi Arabia, actually. I'm sure they could do a lot and anything they've done has been very good. That's what we've done. We've built a tremendous business for a long time. I've been very successful. I decided to leave that success be — behind and make America very successful. And I've made America more successful by far than it ever was, and that it ever could have been. No matter who was president, there would be nobody bringing in \$21 trillion that I can tell you right now. as far as this gentleman is concerned, he's done a phenomenal job. You're mentioning somebody that was extremely controversial. A lot of people didn't like that gentleman that you're talking about, whether you like him or didn't like him, things happened, but he knew nothing about it. And we can leave it at that. You don't have to embarrass our guest

by asking a question like that.

SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMAD BIN SALMAN: If it's okay, just since she asked, Mr. President, please allow me to answer. You know, I feel painful about, you know, the families of 9/11 in America. But, you know, we have to focus on reality. Reality based on CIA documents and based on a lot of documents that Osama bin Laden, he used Saudi people in that event for one main purpose is to destroy this relation, to destroy the American-Saudi relation. That's the purpose of 9/11. So, whoever buying that, that means they are helping Osama bin Laden's purpose of destroying this relation. He know [sic] that strong relation between America and Saudi Arabia is bad for extremism. It's bad for terrorism. And we have to prove him wrong and to build our relation, to continue developing our relations. It's critical in the safety of the world. It's critical against extremism and terrorism. About the journalist, It's really painful to hear, you know, anyone that been losing his life for, you know, no real purpose or nothing illegal way. And it's been painful for us in Saudi Arabia. We did all the right steps of investigation, etc. in Saudi Arabia and we've improved our system to be sure that nothing happened like that. And it's painful and it's a huge mistake. And we are doing our best that this doesn't happen again.

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BRUCE: Mr. President, why wait for Congress to release the Epstein files? Why not just do it now?

TRUMP: Well, it's not the question that I mind. It's your attitude. I think you are a terrible reporter. It's the way you ask these questions. You start off with a man who is highly respected, asking him a horrible, insubordinate, and just a terrible question. And you could even ask that same exact question nicely. You're all psyched. Somebody psyches you over at ABC. They're going to psyche it. You're a terrible person and a terrible reporter. As far as the Epstein files is — I have nothing to do with Jeffrey Epstein. I threw him out of my club many years ago because I thought he was a sick pervert, but I guess I turned out to be right. But you know who does have — Bill Clinton, Larry Summers, who ran Harvard, was with him every single night. Every single weekend. They lived together. They went to his island many times. I never did. Andrew Weissman, I hear — all these guys were friends of his. You don't even talk about those people. You just keep going on the Epstein files and with Epstein, is — is a Democrat hoax to try and get me not to be able to talk about the \$21 trillion that I talked about today. It's a hoax. Now, I just got a little report, and I put it in my pocket of all the money that he's given to Democrats. He gave me none, zero, no money to me, but he gave money to Democrats and people are wise to your hoax and ABC, your company, your crappy company is one of the perpetrators. And I'll tell you something.

BRUCE: You say you'll sign it when it comes to your desk —

TRUMP: I'll tell you something.

BRUCE: — so, why not just sign it now? Why wait for [inaudible]?

TRUMP: I think the license should be taken away from ABC because your news is so fake and it's so wrong. And we have a great commissioner, the chairman, who should look at that, because I think when you come in and when you're 97 percent negative to Trump, and then Trump wins the election in a landslide, that means obviously your news is not credible and you're not credible as a reporter. So, I've answered your question. You should go and look at the Democrats who received money from Epstein, who spent their time. Larry Summers was — was with them all the time. That creep, the fund guy, was with him all the time. What's his name?

WHITE HOUSE STAFFER: Reid Hoffman.

TRUMP: Who? Reid Hoffman. I don't know. Reid Hoffman, but I know he spends a lot of money on the radical left. Reid Hoffman, in my opinion, should be under investigation. He's a sleazebag, and those are the people — but they don't get any press. They don't get any news. And you're not after the radical left because you're a radical left network. But I think the way you ask a question with the anger and the meanness is terrible. You ought to go back and learn how to be a reporter. No more questions from you.