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JENNIFER WELCH: MAGA allies on cable news — paid MAGA allies are running out of ways to defend this flailing administration and the quagmire illegal war that they are in. Scott Jennings, sound the sirens, stage-five meltdown on live TV, play the clip.

[CNN NEWSNIGHT CLIP]

WELCH: Ooohhhh!

ANGIE SULLIVAN: He is caught!

WELCH: Trigger to party of one, your table is now available. Trigger to party of one. Your table is now available. Okay. I would just like to say number one, Adam Mockler, you are incredible. You are doing incredible work. Your poise, your defense of Democratic ideals, the battlegrounds that you go into. A+ no notes. Abby Phillips [sic] really calmed everybody down after that. A+ no notes. Scott Jennings, pumps, I have a little theory about this.

SULLIVAN: Oohh.

WELCH: A week or so ago, somebody on Elon Musk free speech website. I don't know if this is true or not. These are just what the post said. And so I'm just relating to you all. What is on the, you know, Trump backed — not financially backed, but you know it, Musk and Trump, BFFs, this free speech website — somebody said that there's evidence that Scott Jennings was in Fire Island doing bisexual and gay stuff. I don't know if that's true or not. He is not addressed it. But I suspected when we covered this that a meltdown would be imminent. And I think we are witnessing the Scott Jennings meltdown in real time. And it is truly a side to behold, Pumps.

SULLIVAN: You know, here's the thing, just to the point about the bisexual and gay comments. There was a list — there was a timeline, a list. It — it felt true. Again, we don't know. But here's the thing, when you have sold your soul, you have sold your integrity. And then somebody calls you out, and that person is younger and smarter than you, and you are very insecure, and you know that you have sold the whole farm for this job, it makes you defensive. It makes you behave poorly. And that's what I saw.

WELCH: I completely agree. Like they're — they're trying to defend the defenseless.

SULLIVAN: Right.

WELCH: And they're running out of steam piling on the fact a lot of gay, bisexual stuff, rumors. I mean, he's just in stage five meltdown. I think we have to ask now, Pumps, in situations like this, if a liberal behaved this way on one of these corporate-owned television shows, they would

be fired. They would be fired and it would be immediate. On Fox News, you can have a morning host talk about killing homeless people — just kill the whole population. You can have Jesse Watters acting like an unhinged lunatic at all times. Now we have Scott Jennings telling appear, a colleague, get your fucking hand out of my face. And will — will the network address this? Or does this just go on? There's one set of rules for white MAGA men, and we will never hold them accountable, and then there's another set of rules for the people who try to defend democracy. What's your take on that? What do you think CNN's going to do here?

SULLIVAN: I think CNN is going to do exactly fucking nothing. I think they have shown they have no backbone. They have embraced this. There's two sides to a fact because they want to reach an audience that doesn't want to be reached. They want to knock on the door of people that will never open the door to them, so nothing's going to happen to them, just like nothing's going to happen to Fox News with the line and the racism and the misogyny. But you know, Brendan Carr, he's getting after Jimmy Kimmel for making a joke. But none — this shit, oh, it's just fine. And to your point about white men, I mean, would any of these men — Trump included — survive in a meritocracy?

WELCH: No.

SULLIVAN: No.

WELCH: Not for a fucking second.

SULLIVAN: No.

WELCH: His whole cabinet are just like Fox News narcissists that have failed forward because they have taken these culture war ideals that speak to the rich, broken people that own these networks. And it's just — it's really horrible. Okay, speaking of horrible people, Republicans are choosing to just completely ignore reality. Here's Tim Scott saying that Trump's economy is a miracle play the clip.

SENATOR TIM SCOTT (R-SC) [on FBN's *Mornings with Maria*, time N/A]: Finally, because of President Trump, we have to look back at the Biden years. Remember, nine percent inflation interest rates went in the same direction. The great news is the last 15, 16 months, President Trump has pulled a miracle. We finally have it.

WELCH: Angie, Angie.

SULLIVAN: I don't know what you say to this. Like, it's all lies. I just — I don't understand how you can, and he's running for office in Florida. And he just — he's lying. He's just getting on there and making shit up. And I guess what I don't understand is people that go get gas that went and got gas two years ago, how they can't like sniff this out or bread or whatever.

WELCH: Well, I want to sorry to interrupt you, but I want to put up proving your point right here. Americans disagree with Tim Scott — completely. Pop this up. Share of Americans who

say their financial situation is getting worse. And look at this chart and we have it shooting and skyrocketing up 55 percent. And so, it's higher now than think the economy is getting worse than it was in 2008 during the great recession. And it's higher than it was during the COVID-induced recession. Look at those two points. And it is higher than — think the economy is getting worse. And here's the messaging for Democrats. And here's the messaging for all of you listening who comment on things, who have conversations with moderates or somewhat reasonable-minded people. The biggest argument we have to elect Democrats right now, the Republicans control everything. They have the presidency. They have the house. They have the Senate. They have Supreme — the Supreme Court and all of the oligarchs. They have all of the industry titans that back them up. These are Republican policies. Nobody is stopping them except for themselves. All of this is American, Republican, MAGA policies on steroids. It is always a race to the bottom. It is always massive deficit. It is always in some bullshit illegal war. It is always driving the economy into the ground. It's always taking away rights from other people, so that is our biggest message moving forward. I would always use this argument — Pumps and I would use this argument to our friends in Oklahoma. If you don't like what's going on in Oklahoma, you have no one to blame except for Republicans. They have controlled everything for 20 years. If you think Oklahoma's policies are shitty, look no further than the governing class. They're all Republicans. If you think America right now is going through a shitty hard time, all of the blame falls at Republican MAGA policies. And here is Byron Donalds. And he gives Trump an A on the economy. Play the clip.

CONGRESSMAN BYRON DONALDS (R-FL): We need, you know, the other side of the aisle to come and help us to just do common sense business. The President's doing great.

PAOLO FROM MEIDAS TOUCH: If you were a report card —

WELCH: So, I mean, this is just, it's propaganda. It's gaslighting. It's abusive. It's insulting to the intelligence of even triple Trumpers, in my opinion. It just shows you how much they dislike their supporters that you have all of these working class people that Republicans have captured by lying to them. Well, they'll trickle down. They've convinced these people — look, you can hate all of these people. If you allow all these billionaires not to pay taxes, if you allow all these corporations not to raise wages, if you allow all these corporations to not ensure that they have safety regulations. And perhaps Mike Johnson — our Little Moses Mike Grinder Johnson is taking an approach to defending the war that we haven't seen before. Let's pop this up: “When asked about the deadline, Johnson told the network, ‘we are not at war.’ He added: ‘We’re policing the Strait of Hormuz and trying to get a piece. The president and the administration are moving as aggressively as possible. There’s nothing Congress can do to move that along any further. So, we’ll see how this plays out. That’s my position.’” Angela.

SULLIVAN: Here's the thing. Speaking of sold your soul and your integrity, Mike Johnson is number one. And here's the thing with Mike Johnson. He can hold a dick in his hands and act like he doesn't like it. And we all know the truth. This man will lie while standing on his Bible. It's unbelievable that he is not universally hated by every party, and we are seeing more Republicans in the House come out and say he's worthless, but it took you this long?

WELCH: The thing about Little Moses Mike is hate is an earned emotion. You know.

SULLIVAN: Right.

WELCH: And he's this little pip squeak who literally has no backbone, no gumption. He can barely even get me anything there to hate. I can hardly feel anything about him except for just overwhelming pity that you have all of this power —

SULLIVAN: I agree.

WELCH: — and you choose to kiss the ass, Donald Trump, while Bible thumping all of the time and having these imaginary conversations where you claim God woke you up and told you you were Moses. I mean, it's just utterly insane. Trump talks ad nauseam about insane asylums. And I could just start talking right now, Pumps, and not finish until the end of the day of all the people surrounding Trump and his orbit that need to be in an insane asylum. And Freud would tell us, you know, that he's talking about something that subconsciously is in his mind a lot. And I think he goes to work every day, Donald Trump, he's batshit crazy. And he's thinking this feels like an insane asylum. This is fucking bonkers. And so, I think that's why it comes out all the time. All right, now we have Senator Blumenthal. And he believes an imminent military strike is in coming play the clip.

SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL [on CNN's *Erin Burnett OutFront*, 04/30/26]: I do have the impression from some of the briefings that I have received as well as other sources that an imminent military strike is very much on the table, which is deeply disturbing because it could well involve American sons and daughters in harm's way and potential massive casualties. But what you saw —

WELCH: I am so sick of this aspect of being an American where the Republican Party acts like they're so pro-military, support the troops, support the troops, yet they always vote for these men who get us into these wars that are not in America's best interests. They're in the interests of Haliburton or the oil — in the gas — oil and gas companies or some military industrial complex where people are making billions. It never helps working class Americans. And the way that a lot of people go to the military is they go there for a career, for an education. And we need to elect people that are good ambassadors to these young men and women. And instead we've got this dipshit, raging alcoholic Hegseth who is just like the sociopath that likes to sit around and watch shit get blown up.

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: Like, really juvenile stuff. And he enjoys blowing up innocent fishermen without due process and it makes him feel so masculine and it makes him feel like such a big boy. And these are real lives. These are real human beings. You know, we already have American deaths. They're not reporting the truth to the American public as to what's happening — happening over in Iran and the greater area where we have American military bases. And here's Trump — he calls reporting that U.S. is not winning the war seditious. Play the clip.

TRUMP: Well, today I read about how well they're doing military, they got nothing left. They've done. And yet I read in *The New York Times*, I see enough stupid CNN, which I only watch because you have to watch a little bit of the enemy, so I watch it for a very short period. But you have to. You don't — you have to be smart. If you see CNN, you'd think they're winning the war. If you just read *The New York Times*, it's actually seditious, in my opinion. You read *The New York Times*. You actually think they're winning the war. You know — I read some of these columnists, but it's also from the top. It's a terrible thing.

WELCH: All right, Angela, last closing thoughts on whatever that train wreck of dementia, batshit flight of ideas that just came out of that man's mouth.

SULLIVAN: Well, my juvenile response is takes one to know one. I mean, nobody knows sedition like Donald Trump. But here's the thing. I was watching that entire press conference and I thought to myself, it is a sad day when the President of the United States speaks and everybody just kind of like, shut the fuck up. He's stupid. He doesn't know what he's talking about. Like, we — we have discounted what he says so much. And my question to Donald Trump, if I could ask one is if everything in Iran is destroyed, and the United States has completely won, then why are they still controlling the Strait of Hormuz? I mean, it's just not that complicated. Like, you're fucked. You won't get un-sucked because you don't know how because this is a disaster. And you can sit there and gaslight everybody all day long. But everybody just discounts you because you're a dipshit.

WELCH: And I think something more insidious is at play here. I think he's getting gaslit.

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: I think Trump is getting dog-walked.

SULLIVAN: [Inaudible]

WELCH: He's not listening to Joint Chiefs. He has a dipshit that has fired all of the experienced people in the military. And he is appointed his golfing buddy, Witcoff, who is the fraud there and the corruption and how much money he and his sons are making of all of this is beyond obscene. And I think criminal. And then Jared Kushner, who is BFFs with Netanyahu. So, I think our President is being gaslit. He's insane. He has dementia. And then in turn, you get these batshit press conferences and our country is being torn down all around us by forces that are getting their claws into the United States government because this guy — it's tick-tock with him. I mean, you know, he's not all there. His brain is cooked. And I'm just very, very worried about the future of our country. All right. That's all we have. Like, subscribe, comment. We'll be back later with more news.