

White House media availability [via CNN's *The Arena*]

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REAGAN REESE: Can you explain why you decided to drop the anti-weaponization fund?

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: So, I love it. I think it's so important. People were — this is a victim right here. But not only a victim. He was also a student of it. What happened to great people, great American people, the way they were victimized, the way they were savaged. You have — they were weaponized by the Biden administration by a bunch of thugs, including Obama people. And like, nobody, by a bunch of thugs, including Obama people. And like, nobody's probably ever been — I mean, I can think of maybe two instances in this country where they've had it to somewhere that extent. I'm not even sure if it was so much. They were put in jail for long periods of time. They were accused of things that never happened. They had prosecutors that were radical lunatics, and their lives were destroyed. And frankly, we had a lawsuit that — against us on the — you know, on the weaponization where the judge — a radical left judge, ruled against it. And we'll see how that all works out. But a radical left judge ruled against it. But these people, their lives have been destroyed. Their families have been destroyed, many of them. And I'm not just talking about a few people, many of them. I'm one of them. I look, they raided my house, Mar-a-Lago. That never happened. Nobody ever thought of a thing like that. It turned out that it was a total fake — everything about it was fake and corrupt. We have all the information. You know, the good advantage to sitting here is we can get information that you wouldn't get by what we have and what we are going to be showing over the coming weeks and months. You're not even going to believe. Some of you will believe it. Like, CNN will believe it because they knew what was going on. They're crooked as hell. CNN's a very corrupt organization, but with a corrupt reporter standing right there. Never smiles. You notice she never — she's a young, beautiful woman, never smiles. I never see a smile off her face. I see her standing there with hatred in her eyes, like, she has hatred. Because we have borders. Because we have a strong military. Because we cut our taxes. Because we do things that everybody wanted, and then we win our election in a massive landslide. We win 87 percent of the counties in this country. Nobody's ever heard of a thing like that. And that's because we're doing the right job. And we took a detour down to Iran because we can't let Iran have a nuclear weapon under any circumstances. We can't let that happen, so the reporters should be happy. They shouldn't be unhappy. They should be very happy because you know what we're doing? We're saving our country.

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KAITLAN COLLINS: Just to clarify on what you were asked earlier, is the \$1.8 billion DOJ fund dead or is it on hold?

TRUMP: It's — I'd have to ask the lawyers, I don't know. I know one thing: the weaponization.

COLLINS: But —

TRUMP: Are you talking about the weaponization fund?

COLLINS: — yeah. What's your decision?

TRUMP: The weaponization fund, as far as I'm concerned was a beautiful thing. It was something I was — I didn't make it, but I was — I heard that I thought that was the greatest thing because people like you have abused our people so badly. The fake news like, CNN, like *The New York Times* and like others, have abused our people.

COLLINS: Well, Republicans are [inaudible] to it on Capitol Hill.

TRUMP: Well, wait a minute. Be quiet. Have abused our people so badly and you should be ashamed of yourself. You — you used to be a conservative. She was a conservative from Alabama. Can you believe it? But CNN in particular —

COLLINS: I'm still from Alabama.

TRUMP: CNN does such false reporting, but now they have new ownership, so maybe it'll straighten it out. I doubt it, but it's hard to straighten garbage out. But CNN has abused and others have abused so badly — people. these are people that are great. People that would destroy their families, have been destroyed. Many suicides. They committed suicide. People that went there to — with love. They went there with love. You know, when I made that speech earlier in the day, tremendous crowd. I hate to say it because they'll say, oh, I was wrong on the number, but I believe it's the largest crowd I've ever spoken to by — by twice. The biggest crowd, I think bigger than the inauguration's, bigger than anything. And there was so much love and — and friendship. It was the most amazing thing. People were crying.

COLLINS: But Republicans are [inaudible] upset —

TRUMP: Wait a minute. Let me finish.

COLLINS: — that people who beat up cops —

TRUMP: Let me finish. Let me finish. And those people have been abused by you and by others and by the politicians, by the Democrats. They're dumb people. They want to have open borders. They want to have transgender utilization of your children. They want to have men playing in women's sports. They want to have high taxes. They turn down — you know, they fought us on the tax bill and they fought us because they want people to pay high taxes because they're crazy. There's something wrong with them. There's something wrong with you. It's a shame.