

The Jim Acosta Show

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JIM ACOSTA: You know, listen, I think what Justin was getting at there, and it's something that I like to talk about on the show from time to time. And I mentioned this just recently. I talked about how, you know, I was at one of these diplomatic functions around Washington, D.C., that I go to from time to time and some very lovely people, by the way. I mean, for all of you, America First, America, America. I never leave the country because why would I leave the best country on earth and go to these other countries? And who are these people, these weird foreigners and stuff? Some of the loveliest people you could meet are outside of the borders of the United States and are living in places and in countries that we consider to be close friends of the United States, close friends of America. And I, and I told this story the other day, I'll tell it again, in case folks missed it. I was at a diplomatic function. I had an ambassador to one of our allies in Europe, come up to me and say, what's happening right now, Jim, reminds me of Germany in the 1930s. And there was another ambassador from another U.S. ally standing next to this ambassador, and that ambassador nodded, yep, yep, and they were both saying the same thing. And, you know, it is funny to see the memes, and talk about Donald Trump getting made fun of and stepping on a rake and acting like a fool on the world stage, but it is having real-world consequences. It is having lasting consequences on our relationships with our friends around the world.

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ACOSTA: There have been some, you know, witty retorts to all of this. Obviously there's been some talk about renaming Lake Ontario, perhaps Lake Epstein. I mean, there is that. But this goes back to what Donald Trump was doing. There it is right there. Lake Epstein, yes. Our Canadian friends are funny. And, you know, this goes back to what was happening at the beginning of this second administration, the beginning of this second government, when he tried to rename the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of America. Nobody calls it the Gulf of America; the only stupid idiots who call the Gulf of Mexico the Gulf of America are either working at the White House or on Fox News. And I don't even think the people who watch Fox or vote Republican or vote MAGA, I don't even think they call it the Gulf of America. It is just the dumbest thing. And I remember hearing people in legacy mainstream media, they were suddenly calling it the Gulf of America to kiss up to Donald Trump. It was just the most grotesque, stupid bullshit that I had ever seen. But it was happening at a time when, you know, Trump was putting everybody's head in the vise. He was going after people who were a part of the mainstream media, people like myself. He was going after law firms and universities, and he was banning the Associated Press from Air Force One in the Oval Office because they wouldn't call the Gulf of Mexico the Gulf of America. That — that — doesn't feel like a million years ago? And here we are now some 60 or 70 days before the midterm elections, and how stupid and foolish does Donald Trump sound right now calling Lake Ontario, Lake America? First of all, he can't even

come up with some other word other than America. It's like a toddler who has a limited vocabulary, but think about how little leverage he has now. Think about how much his standing on the world stage has been reduced and how isolated he looks around the world. I mean, he sends the CIA director to Russia to say, please don't attack a NATO country. There used to be a time in the United States of America where we didn't have to put the CIA director on a plane to Russia and beg them not to attack a NATO country because we were the United States of America and people didn't fuck with us. And I guess people are fucking with, and the Russians feel like they can fuck with us now, and the Chinese feel like they can fuck with us now. And on and on and on because Donald Trump's standing on the world stage has been diminished. He is the incredible-shrinking President, and he is shrinking in stature before our very eyes. And — and he can, and all he has left are these petty, immature, obnoxious insults where he calls Lake Ontario, Lake America. The Canadians are not impressed by that. That doesn't get them back to the bargaining table. All it does is, again, piss off and alienate and ostracize, a country that has been with us every step of the way. They are arguably our best friends in the world because they have been not just friends and we have wonderful friends in the Brits at the French and I'm not naming all the countries and people are gonna mad at me for not naming all the country Australia and Japan and there's so many wonderful countries around the world that would say, yes, we're the best friends of America, maybe not now. But the Canadians have been good neighbors. They've been like that neighbor across the street in your community or maybe next door. Your car breaks down, your battery dies, and they come over with the jumper cables, or maybe your power goes out. They've got a generator, and you don't so they bring the extension cord over so you have power again, your air conditioning can go back on, and you can put on your refrigerator. That guy, that gentleman, that nice lady next door, those are the Canadians. They're the ones if you're broken down on the side of the road even though we live in this violent, fucked up country where everybody's worried that they're gonna get shot or killed. They're the nice, elderly, senior citizen gentlemen who pulls up in front of your car on the side of the road and gets your car going again or helps you put the spare tire on. That's who the Canadian people have always been to the United States of America. And Donald Trump is absolutely, completely shitting all over that friendship and relationship. He is completely shitting over the most invaluable friendship that we have anywhere in the world because they're right on our border. Think about how lucky and how fortunate we are. Right on our border, that massive border. He likes talking about the southern border, talks about the southern border, and our Mexican friends are wonderful too. But think about how peaceful and tranquil and idyllic the Canadian existence has been for decades, and I guess centuries, and how all of that has never really backfired on us or hurt us in any way. It's always been a good and wonderful thing to have the Canadians across the border for us. And now we've pissed them off to the point where they don't like to hear the national anthem at sporting events. And now, they're angry with us. They're upset with us. We've pissed off a very good friend and friendship. It's one of the best things that we have in this world. It's one of the best things that we have in this existence is a good friend who is always there for you. I have them in my life, and they're — they're invaluable to me, and that's who the Canadians are to Americans, and we have completely and totally torched that at the hands of a mad lunatic and fool.