

## Media shake up as Don Lemon and Tucker Carlson leave news stations

US news anchor Don Lemon has been fired by CNN after 17 years at the station. His departure coincides with far-right host Tucker Carlson who left Fox News on Monday.



Don Lemon has been fired. Source: Screenshot.

According to a statement he released, Lemon found out from his agent that he was allegedly fired without being informed.

## 17 year service

"CNN and Don have parted ways," the network said in a statement. "Don will forever be a part of the CNN family, and we thank him for his contributions over the past 17 years. We wish him well and will be cheering him on in his future endeavours."

pic.twitter.com/8PyLqvS0d7— Don Lemon (@donlemon) April 24, 2023

CNN has denied his statement and says it is "inaccurate".

## **Critics**

Both anchors have faced scrutiny over the years by critics. In an incident earlier this year, Lemon was under scrutiny for remarking on-air that presidential candidate Nikki Haley was not "in her prime" due to her being 51. Lemon has had other controversies which have led to critics calling him a misogynist. He once asked political analyst SE Cup if she had "mommy brain".

The <u>news anchor</u> joined *CNN* in September 2006, Lemon previously anchored the prime-time show *Don Lemon Tonight* before joining *CNN This Morning*.

He gained substantial recognition during Donald Trump's presidency for his unreserved commentary on the former president's falsehoods.

Meanwhile Carlson was condemned by the White House about his deceptive depiction of the US Capitol riot. A critique which reports say led to Fox owner Rupert Murdoch deciding on his removal.
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