

# [***Don Lemon Fired By CNN Minutes After Tucker Carlson Out At Fox News***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6839-DHF1-DXVP-53PC-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** Two of the most recognizable names in cable news were ousted in less than an hour Monday.

**Body**

**Topline**

Longtime CNN anchor Don Lemon announced Monday he was fired by the network in a move that left him stunned, which came less than an hour after Fox News said it had parted wayswith host Tucker Carlsonin another massive shakeup to the cable news landscape.

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Don Lemon attends the 13th Annual CNN Heroes at the American Museum of Natural History on December 8, 2019, in New York City.

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**Key Facts**

Lemon tweeted a message Monday blasting CNN s leadership, saying: I would have thought that someone in management would have had the decency to tell me directly.

CNN confirmed the departure shortly afterward but called Lemon s account inaccurate, adding: He was offered an opportunity to meet with management but instead released a statement on Twitter.

Both Lemon and Carlson have hired entertainment lawyer Bryan Freedman,accordingto media reporter Brian Stelter.

Lemon arrived at CNN in 2006 and spent the past five months co-hosting**CNN This Morning** alongsideKaitlan Collins and Poppy Harlow.

**Crucial Quote**

At no time was I ever given any indication that I would not be able to continue to do the work I have loved at the network, Lemon tweeted. It is clear there are some larger issues at play.

**Key Background**

Lemon was long one of the most recognizable figures at CNN. He hosted his own prime-time show,**Don Lemon Tonight**,between 2014 and 2022, before he was moved to co-host a new morning show as part of a well-publicized network restructuring under CEO Chris Licht. Lemon repeatedly said his move from prime time to the early morning wasnota demotion insisting the creation of a successful morning show was Licht s biggest priority. But Lemon s time on the show was marked by a series of controversial comments he made about women and reported tensions with his two female co-hosts. Lemon was suspended in February afterclaimingRepublican presidential candidate Nikki Haley who is 51 years old isn t in her prime, weeks after he irked his co-hosts by claiming female soccer players make less money than their male counterparts do because men s soccer is more interesting to watch. Thealso reported that Lemon allegedly screamed at Collins in December while accusing her of interrupting him during broadcasts.reported earlier this month that Lemon had a history of verbally attacking or insulting former female colleagues like Soledad O Brien, Nancy Grace and Kyra Phillips. Lemon at one point allegedly ripped up notes and pictures on Phillips desk after she was chosen over him for an assignment in Iraq, according to**Variety**, before he later sent her threatening text messages.

**Tangent**

Former President Donald Trump whom Lemon regularly criticized applauded CNN s move as good news, labeling Lemon the dumbest man on television.

**Surprising Fact**

Fox News unexpectedly announced late Monday morning it had agreed to part ways with Carlson the unabashedly conservative host who anchored the second-highest-rated cable news programlastyear. A reason for the departure was not given, but Carlson was expected toplay a major rolein a defamation trial in a case Dominion Voting Systems filed against the network in part over allegations Carlson and other hosts recklessly promoted false conspiracy theories about the company being involved in election fraud. Fox and Dominion settled the lawsuit out of court last weekfor $787.5 million.

**Further Reading**

Tucker Carlson Suddenly Out At Fox News(Forbes)

Fox News Settles Dominion Defamation Case For $787.5 Million, Dominion Lawyer Says(Forbes)

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