

## Trump blasts back after Times publisher decries 'enemy of the people' attacks

**Notes & Cues:****Article:**

Hours after saying he had a “very good meeting” with the publisher of the New York Times about his labelling the press the “enemy of the people”, Donald Trump launched a blistering attack on “anti-Trump haters in the dying newspaper industry”.

“The failing New York Times and the Amazon Washington Post do nothing but write bad stories even on very positive achievements, ” Trump tweeted. “And they will never change!” Earlier, the White House confirmed Trump met Times’ publisher AG Sulzberger on 20 July. Sulzberger then issued a statement that opened an exchange over whose activities were more damaging to America.

Sulzberger said he had raised “concerns about the president’s deeply troubling anti-press rhetoric” and “implored him to reconsider his broader attacks on journalism, which I believe are dangerous and harmful to our country”.

He did not say how the president responded. Hours later, Trump obliged. In a multi-tweet rant, he claimed reports on “internal deliberations of our government ... truly put the lives of many, not just journalists, at risk”. Claiming without evidence that “90% of media coverage of my administration is negative”, Trump said he would “not allow our great country to be sold out by anti-Trump haters in the dying newspaper industry”.

Sulzberger, 37, took over from his father on 1 January. In his statement, he said: “I told the president directly that I thought that his language was not just divisive but increasingly dangerous. I told him that although the phrase ‘fake news’ is untrue and harmful, I am far more concerned about his labelling journalists ‘the enemy of the people’”

**Summary:**