

# Bob Woodward: Many reporters have ‘become emotionally unhinged’ covering Trump



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Veteran Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward says some journalists have “become emotionally unhinged” while covering President Trump, urging them to keep their personal politics out of their work.

“A number of reporters have at times become emotionally unhinged about it all, one way or the other,” Woodward told Newsweek in an interview published Thursday, citing cable news networks Fox News and MSNBC as examples.

“You will see those continually either denigrating Trump or praising him,” he added. “I think the answer is in the middle ... it’s important to get your personal politics out.”

Reporting from Woodward and Post colleague Carl Bernstein on the Watergate scandal eventually led to the resignation of President Nixon in 1974.

This isn’t the first time the 74-year-old legend has appealed directly to reporters to keep personal feelings out of their work.

“We need to calm it down and listen more,” he told The Atlantic in March 2017. “Be on the surface respectful, but never stop the inquiry.”

“I worry, I worry for the business, for the perception of the business, not just Trump supporters, they see that smugness ... I think you can ride both horses, intensive inquiry, investigation, not letting up ... at the same time, realize that it’s not our job to do an editorial on this,” Woodward also told Axios last year.

Woodward is currently working on a book on Trump and his administration.

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