

CNN's Jim Acosta mocked for accidentally proving that border walls work

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi might want to confiscate someone's selfie stick.

CNN's Jim Acosta was mocked across social media on Thursday for posting a video that was meant to downplay President Trump's claims of a border crisis — but ended up supporting his argument that border barriers improve security.

"Here are some of the steel slats that the president's been talking about," Acosta said while reporting from the southern border. "But as we're walking along here, we're not seeing any kind of imminent danger."

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The CNN reporter added, "There are no migrants trying to rush toward this fence."



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Acosta then declared there was "no sign of the national emergency that the president has been talking about" and it was "tranquil" near him. He captioned the video, "I found some steel slats down on the border. But I don't see anything resembling a national emergency situation.. at least not in the McAllen TX area of the border where Trump will be today."

Early Thursday evening, White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders retweeted Acosta's tweet with a proud clapback: "When I went with President @realDonaldTrump to the border today I never imagined @Acosta would be there doing our job for us and so clearly explaining why WALLS WORK. Thanks Jim!"



Sarah Sanders@PressSec

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CNN's chief White House correspondent - who seemingly uploaded the video from a local Burger King - is in Texas awaiting Trump's border visit. While Acosta often clashes with the president and his aides, pundits suggested he did the president a favor this time.

Media watchdogs were quick to point out that the CNN reporter's video helps prove Trump's point that a wall or barrier along the Southern border could help prevent illegal border crossings.

KELLYANNE CONWAY RIPS CNN'S JIM ACOSTA DURING HEATED EXCHANGE: 'YOU'RE SUCH A SMARTA-'

"Jim Acosta just posted one of the biggest self owns ever," social media strategist Caleb Hull responded. 'He's walking along the border where there's a wall in place talking about how there's nothing that 'resembles a national emergency situation' and 'there's no migrants trying to rush.' That's because there's a wall, Jim."

Others swiping at Acosta included one of his former CNN colleagues Peter Hamby.



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Jerry Dunleavy@JerryDunleavy

"Walls work."

— Jim @Acosta

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Jake Wilkins@JakeWilkns

So where there are steel slats, there isn't an emergency crisis. Got it.

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Stephen Miller@redsteeze

Er, you found a place where there is a barrier and all is quiet? Jim, do you know what point you're actually making here?

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Ryan Saavedra@RealSaavedra

Acosta making videos for the Trump administration showing the effectiveness of border barriers:

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All quiet on this stretch of the border ahead of Trump's visit to McAllen TX area. pic.twitter.com/cJ9tBwdCSd



Peter Hamby@PeterHamby

I am **shocked** that a glib video, customized for re-tweets and filmed in broad daylight along one of the more secure parts of the RGV by a reporter who parachuted in for the day, did not reveal anything dramatic.

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David Martosko@dmartosko

Jim Acosta is at the border, showing that organized, aggressive challenges to the U.S. border aren't happening at a place where there's a giant steel wall. <https://twitter.com/Acosta/status/1083411819354558467> ...

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Brad Parscale@parscale

I would like to thank @Acosta for pointing out how peaceful, safe and secure it is

at a part of the border that HAS a wall. #RealNews #BuildTheWall

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Harry Khachatrian@Harry1T6

One day we'll look back and remember that time Jim Acosta tried proving that the American border doesn't need a wall by showing how safe the part of the American border that already has a wall is



Amanda House@AmandaLeeHouse

Jim Acosta makes a case for the wall.

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Ryan Petty@rpetty

Where @acosta inadvertently proves @realDonaldTrump point and demonstrates that walls actually work.

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Ben Shapiro@benshapiro

It's almost as though having steel slats might help prevent illegal immigration where you're filming, dolt.

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Earlier this week, White House adviser Kellyanne Conway scolded Acosta during a press gaggle, referring to him as a “smarta-” unliked by other reporters.

TRUMP, EN ROUTE TO BORDER, RAMPS UP WARNING HE COULD DECLARE NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Acosta - who has emerged as a household name for grandstanding when Trump and members of his administration are made available to the press - has been praised by liberal comedians such as Jimmy Kimmel and even appeared in the most recent season of the Netflix political drama “House of Cards.”

Last year, Acosta was briefly banned from the White House after he engaged in a contentious back-and-forth with Trump during a Nov. 7 press conference. During the now-infamous moment, Acosta refused to pass the microphone to a female White House aide.

Acosta’s press pass was restored on Nov. 19 after CNN argued that keeping him

out of the White House violated the network and Acosta's First and Fifth Amendment rights.

Fox News' Matt Leach contributed to this report.

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