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Chris Cuomo Said He Hated His Job Because He Can't Tell People Off ... or Beat Them Up. Now He Denies He Said It.

CNN talker Chris Cuomo denies that he said he doesn't like his job even though he said he doesn't like his job.

But more interesting than Cuomo's reversing himself were the reasons he said he didn't like his job in the first place: He can't tell off people with whom he disagrees, or when he gets really mad, beat them to a pulp.

That's what the CNN anchor threatened to do to a man last year.

[A workout fanatic](#), Cuomo nearly started a bar fight because another patron called him "[Fredo](#)," the name of Don Vito Corleone's weak son in *The Godfather* novels and films.

Do What Guys Do

The millionaire anchor said he didn't really like this job during an interview on Monday on *Let's Go After It*, his program on Sirius XM, as [The Hill reported](#).

"I don't want to spend my time doing things that I don't think are valuable enough to me personally," he said. "I don't value indulging irrationality, hyperpartisanship."

"I don't like what I do professionally," Cuomo said of his gig on [Prime Time](#). "I don't think it's worth my time."

Cuomo, [who tested positive](#) for the Chinese Virus and has been broadcasting from quarantine at his home, also said the job doesn't mean much to him.

"I don't think it's worth it to me because I don't think I mean enough, I don't think I matter enough, I don't think I can really change anything, so then what am I really doing?" he said.

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But then the CNN talker explained what really gets his goat.

On Sunday, a bicyclist gave him grief because he was outside with his family, as [The Hill reported](#). "I don't want some jacka**, loser, fat-tire biker being able to pull over and get in my space and talk bullshit to me, I don't want to hear it," Cuomo said:

That matters to me more than making millions of dollars a year ... because I've saved my money and I don't need it anymore.

I want to be able to tell you to go to hell, to shut your mouth. I don't get that, doing what I do for a living ... me being able to tell you to shut your mouth or I will do you the way you guys do each other.

Here I am in an almost powerless position against this a**hole because I'm a celebrity and he's allowed to say whatever he wants to me.





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On Tuesday, Cuomo reversed himself and said he “loves” pretending he’s smarter than everyone else in the country every night on television, [Buzzfeed reported](#).

“Why is there so much interest in what I said about my frustrations with my profession yesterday?” Cuomo huffed. “I have never been in a better position professionally than I am in right now.”

And he’s “never been more grateful” or “been on a better team,” he continued. “I love where I am. I love the position that I’ve been given, and I love who I’m doing it with — those are all matters of fact for me.”

Cuomo explained that suffering with the Chinese Virus frustrated him, as he was “doing this job in an environment where people are not interested and open.”

Fredo Lashes Out

The interview on Monday isn’t the first time Cuomo has expressed a desire to fight those who dispute him or even utter one word he finds “offensive.”

In August, when a fellow patron at a bar in New York called him “Fredo,” [Cuomo flew](#) into a foaming, foul-mouthed rage. Cuomo sounded like deceased mobster John Gotti, so unhinged was the F-bomb-laced rant.

“You’re gonna have a problem” the CNN host said after a fellow called him “Fredo.”

“What are you gonna do about it?” the man asked.

“I’ll f***ing ruin your s**t,” Cuomo told him. “I’ll f***ing throw you down these stairs like a f***ing punk.”

Cuomo falsely claimed “Fredo” was an ethnic insult, even though [he had referred to himself](#) as the weak, stupid brother in the *The Godfather* franchise.

When [CNN’s Ana Navarro-Cárdenas called](#) Donald Trump, Jr. “Fredo” on Cuomo’s own program, *Prime Time*, he did not object.

Cuomo was widely ridiculed for claiming the name was an anti-Italian slur.

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