


'New Yorker' fires reporter Ryan Lizza over alleged sexual misconduct

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The New Yorker has fired Ryan Lizza in what the magazine describes as an incident of "improper sexual conduct."

The magazine's Washington correspondent for a decade, Lizza most recently gained attention for his story about a [July profanity-laced interview](#) with Anthony Scaramucci, soon after the Wall Street financier had been named White House communications director.

Scaramucci, who vilified other White House officials in the interview, abruptly [left just 11 days after he was hired](#) by President Trump.

"*The New Yorker* recently learned that Ryan Lizza engaged in what we believe was improper sexual conduct," the magazine said in a statement. "We have reviewed the matter and, as a result, have severed ties with Lizza."

Subsequently, CNN suspended Lizza, who had been an on-air contributor to the network. "We have just learned of the *New Yorker's* decision. Ryan Lizza will not appear on CNN while we look into this matter," the network said in a statement.

Lizza issued his own statement, which was posted on Twitter by several media reporters: "I am dismayed that *The New Yorker* has decided to characterize a respectful relationship with a woman I dated as somehow inappropriate. *The New Yorker* was unable to cite any company policy that was violated. I am sorry to my friends, workplace colleagues, and loved ones for any embarrassment this episode may cause. I love *The New Yorker*, my home for the last decade, and I have the highest regard for the people who work there. But this decision, which was made hastily and without a full investigation of the relevant facts, was a terrible mistake."

Ryan Lizza says in a statement that he's "dismayed" the *New Yorker* has characterized "a respectful relationship with a woman I dated as somehow inappropriate." Full statement: pic.twitter.com/SvjnzSaYSR

— Michael Calderone (@mlcalderone) [December 11, 2017](#)

Douglas Wigdor, an attorney for the firm representing the victim, said in a statement, "in no way did Mr. Lizza's misconduct constitute a 'respectful relationship' as he has now tried to characterize it. Our client reported Mr. Lizza's actions to ensure that he would be held accountable and in the hope that by coming forward she would help other potential victims."

Wigdor also represents former Fox News employees who have accused the company of harassment.

Lizza is just the latest in a wave of big-name journalists accused of sexual misconduct that has included Charlie Rose, Mark Halperin and Matt Lauer.