

Ryan Lizza fired by The New Yorker for alleged sexual misconduct

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The New Yorker has cut ties with Ryan Lizza over alleged sexual misconduct.

Mr Lizza was one of the magazine's most high-profile writers. He was thrust into the spotlight in July when Donald Trump's former Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci engaged in an expletive-filled phone conversation with him, which the reporter later published.

"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. Due to a request for privacy, we are not commenting further."

Mr Lizza fired back, calling his dismissal "a terrible mistake."

"I am dismayed that The New Yorker has decided to characterise a respectful relationship with a woman I dated as somehow inappropriate. The New Yorker was unable to cite any company policy that was violated," he said in a statement.

"I am sorry to my friends, workplace colleagues, and loved ones for any embarrassment this episode may cause," he continued. "But this decision, which was made hastily and without a full investigation of the relevant facts, was a terrible mistake."

Mr Lizza was also a political analyst for CNN.

CNN's Brian Stelter reported later on Monday that the network had "learned of the New Yorker's decision" and was "suspending" Mr Lizza while it investigates the matter.

The allegations against Mr Lizza are the latest to rock the media and entertainment industry, which has already seen the departure of prominent TV hosts over similar claims.

Mr Lizza joined The New Yorker a decade ago, after having worked at the New Republic for almost 10 years. He has also written for GQ, New York magazine and the New York Times.

The New Yorker was one of the first media outlets to publish claims against Harvey Weinstein, which led to the ousting of the producer from Hollywood.

Mr Weinstein has said that all sex acts were consensual and his legal team have called a number of other allegations "false".

