Fox News anchor Shepard Smith went after President Donald Trump after his press conference Thursday. Veuer's Nick Cardona (@nickcardona93) tells us what he said. Buzz60

Fox News anchor Shepard Smith is under fire for criticizing President's Trump's treatment of CNN reporter Jim Acosta during a freewheeling news conference Thursday and for Trump's refusal to answer questions about his campaign's ties to Russia.

"It's crazy what we're watching every day," Smith said after Trump's news conference. "It's absolutely crazy. He keeps repeating ridiculous, throwaway lines that are not true at all and sort of avoiding this issue of Russia as if we're some kind of fools for asking the question. Really? Your opposition was hacked and the Russians were responsible for it and your people were on the phone with Russia on the same day it was happening and we're fools for asking the questions? No sir."

"We have a right to know," Smith added. "You call us fake news and put us down like children for asking questions on behalf of the American people."

Like Megyn Kelly, Smith got a taste of the social media fury of Trump supporters who believe a Fox News host has scorned the president:
Shepard Smith slams Trump for dodging questions on Russia: 'We are not fools for asking this question, Give us an answer'

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Smith also defended CNN reporter Jim Acosta against the president's assertions that CNN and other outlets are "fake news," arguing that Trump is treating the press "like children."

Smith has spoken out in defense of Acosta before, calling Trump's treatment of reporters "belittling and delegitimizing."

Smith's comments came after Trump's free-wheeling press conference on Thursday afternoon, during which the president repeatedly sparred with reporters and accused the media of treating his administration unfairly. While Trump said he had no contact with Russian officials during the campaign, he did not respond directly to questions posed by Acosta and other reporters concerning whether any of his advisers had.

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Turning to face the camera head-on, Smith addressed Trump directly, "We are not fools for asking this question and we demand to know the answer to this question. You owe this to the American people," he said. "If your people were on the phone with [the Russians], what were they saying? We have a right to know ... The people deserve that answer, at very least."

But the answer that BIG OIL and Russia really did maliciously and wrongfully slander Hilary to get their stooge into office, will not be a popular answer.