

# Hollywood actor Vince Vaughn has just been cancelled for shaking hands with Trump. Or has he?

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When Vince Vaughn uttered a few sentences then shook Trump's hand at a championship college football game, a woke member of the crowd recorded the transgression and tried to cancel the Wedding Crasher's career with a tweet.

On Monday night, Hollywood star Vince Vaughn was spotted chatting amicably with President Donald Trump at the CFP National Championship Game in New Orleans, where the LSU Tigers beat the Clemson Tigers.

There is no audio to go with the footage, but Vaughn is a [self-described libertarian](#) who has historically supported Republican candidates.

If Vaughn took the crowd's deafening applause for the president at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome to mean he could safely address President Trump with cordiality, he was mistaken.

*"I'm very sorry to have to share this video with you. All of it, every part of it,"* [tweeted](#) sports reporter Timothy Burke, along with [footage](#) of the verboten exchange:

*I'm very sorry to have to share this video with you. All of it, every part of it. [pic.twitter.com/ELMbDHZbZq](https://pic.twitter.com/ELMbDHZbZq)*

*– Timothy Burke (@bubbapro) [January 14, 2020](#)*

Thus, the attempted cancellation of the True Detective actor had begun.

*"I'm not angry about Vince Vaughn, just profoundly disappointed. And I want nothing more to do with him. Once upon a time I found him quite entertaining. Not anymore,"* [tweeted](#) one Stephanie Kennedy, who describes herself as a member of the *"impeachment task force."*

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But the cancellation drive was soon subsumed by a counter-movement of Twitter radicals outraged on Vaughn's behalf, lamenting that a working actor could lose his livelihood just for a brief exchange with the highest elected official in the land.

*"It's an amazing time to be alive when shaking the hand of the president is enough to get you canceled. Vince Vaughn doesn't strike me as one to give a shit fortunately. Y'all have lost your minds. You never learn,"* Jason Howerton [tweeted](#).

The already-cancelled Mike Cernovich's [tweet](#) has garnered 14,000 likes so far: *"I, too, cannot bear to watch a video of two men speaking civilly."*

The most bizarre aspect of the whole thing is that, outside of Twitter, nobody appears to have cancelled or uncanceled Vaughn, who has not even commented on the incident.

In the end it fell to the hosts of Fox News's *'Fox & Friends'*, of all people, to inject a modicum of balance into the discussion.

*"Unless America talks to the other side, and we can just talk to each other... they may as well just split the country right in half, right down the Mississippi,"* intoned anchor Steve Doocy.

*"They tried that once,"* quipped co-host Brian Kilmeade.

But for many drowning in the viral toxicity of US discourse that joke provoked a bitter nod, not a hearty laugh.

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