**CAC Talking Points – Fox News calls out Pruitt on mounting scandals**

* Tonight, Fox News correspondent Ed Henry didn’t let EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt get away with his multiple attempts to change his story and dodge responsibility for his mounting corruption scandals.
* Throughout Henry’s interview, Pruitt refused to take responsibility for his unethical dealings or his shocking decision to defy the White House by giving two of his favored political appointees more than $80 thousand in raises. Pruitt even denied knowledge of the pay raises and attempted to throw EPA staff under the bus for following his orders.
* Pruitt also tried to defend his sweetheart deal with a dirty energy lobbyist and longtime campaign donor to live in a luxury condo in D.C. for $50 a night – a fraction of the market value. Pruitt justifies the cut-rate condo kickback by saying it was approved by EPA ethics lawyers. Henry rightfully points out the ethics review didn’t happen until a year after Pruitt signed the lease and was not cleared beforehand.
* Despite Henry asking Pruitt a full ten times to take responsibility for his own actions, Pruitt as many times refused, instead throwing EPA staff under the bus in an attempt to save his own career.
* For Pruitt, his numerous scandals involving staff pay raises, sweetheart condo rent deals, first class airfare, and abuse of taxpayer funds aren’t his fault - it’s his staff’s fault, his security detail’s fault, even the fault of “critics on the left”.
* But the media or his haters didn’t sign his sweetheart lease for him. They didn’t go around the president to award pay raises to his staff. They didn’t buy first class air tickets on the taxpayer dime. They didn’t build a secret phone booth in his office to the tune of $43K, and they didn’t insult Donald Trump by calling him a threat to the Constitution.
* With his record of undermining public health and the environment and his unwillingness to accept responsibility for his corruption, it’s clear it’s time to boot Pruitt.

**TPs ON FULL VIDEO**

* Fox News just released [the full video](http://video.foxnews.com/v/5763985013001/#sp=show-clips) of correspondent Ed Henry’s interview with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. It’s must watch TV, especially if you care about rooting out corruption and protecting health and clean air, land and water.
* In this interview, Pruitt repeatedly refused to accept any responsibility for his numerous scandals. And they are numerous: supersized pay raises to longtime friends, sweetheart condo rent deals, first class airfare and abuse of taxpayer funds. On each, Pruitt claims it’s not his fault; it’s his staff’s fault, his security detail’s fault. It’s even the fault of “critics on the left.”
* Problem is, other people didn’t make those decisions to fly first class or to ignore the president to pad his staff’s salaries. He did. He’s responsible, even if he won’t admit it.
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