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In a Nov. 16, 2015 photo provided by ABC, correspondent Brian Ross speaks on "Good Morning America," which airs on the ABC Television Network, in New York. ABC has suspended investigative reporter Ross Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, for four weeks without pay for the network's incorrect Michael Flynn report on Friday.

By The Washington Post

President Donald Trump on Sunday morning lashed out at ABC News, two days after investigative reporter Brian Ross made an erroneous report involving the president.

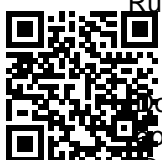
Ross had incorrectly reported Friday that during Trump's presidential campaign, Trump had directed Michael Flynn to make contact with Russian officials before the election.

Later that night, Ross read a "clarification" on "ABC World News Tonight," saying Trump had actually asked Flynn to make contact with Russia after the election, when he was president-elect.

Flynn, who briefly served as Trump's national security adviser after the election, pleaded guilty Friday to lying to the FBI.

ABC News apologized for the mistake Saturday and issued a full correction. The network also suspended Ross for four weeks without pay, effective immediately.

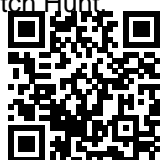
On Twitter Saturday night, Trump initially offered his "congratulations" to ABC News for "suspending Ross for his horrendously inaccurate and dishonest report on the Russia, Russia, Russia Witch Hunt."



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I never asked Comey to stop investigating Flynn. Just more Fake News covering another Comey lie!

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People who lost money when the Stock Market went down 350 points based on the False and Dishonest reporting of Brian Ross of @ABC News (he has been suspended), should consider hiring a lawyer and suing ABC for the damages this bad reporting has caused - many millions of dollars!

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Many Trump supporters, including the president's adult children, accused Ross of propagating "fake news" and linked his report to the Dow dropping 350 points.

On Sunday, the president took aim at the network.