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STATEMENT FROM THE NEW YORK PRESS CLUB

Reporters body-slammed. Threatened. Arrested. Shot with a pellet gun.
Punched in the face while on live television.

Enough is enough.

Even before President Trump's assertion that the news media is the "enemy of the American people," there had been an increase in vitriol against journalists across the country. Those unhappy with news coverage seem emboldened to display physical aggression against journalists.

The *New York Press Club* calls on the president and leaders of both political parties to speak out loudly, and ratchet down the rhetoric.

There always have been, and always will be, disagreements between journalists and the people they cover. But, these disagreements cannot lead to physical violence against those who are exercising their First Amendment right to ask questions and report the news.

We would never tolerate an escalation of violence against people in other professions; we should not tolerate it against journalists.

Journalists are not the enemy. We're just doing our jobs.

-- Steve Scott, President
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