

The Age of Whining

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Lately I've been thinking about changing my Age of Appallment characterization of our times to The Age of Whining.

This is motivated by trump of course who out-whimpers spoiled five-year-olds but also by top media figures such as Kristen Welker, *Meet The Press* moderator and Scott Pelley, former *60 Minutes* correspondent.

During an interview in America's Dairyland, infantile trump complained about Welker's completely straightforward questions, then threw a fit, grumbling he "sat in the rain for an hour" and "You ought to straighten out your press, because you know what? A country can never be great with a dishonest press."

Trying to right trump's trike, Welker griped she had burdens to bear, too! "We traveled all the way to Wisconsin for this interview." Good gravy! She actually had to alight in flyover land!

Meanwhile, Pelley is going on and on and on and on about his CBS firing, spilling inside beans, airing dirty corporate laundry, and doing everything but leaving quietly, dignity intact. Frankly, nobody cares.

Pelly's former boss, Bari Weiss, is trying to bail out a sinking steamer in an information ocean with choices galore. By the time, CBS airs a story, it's stale. Weekly shows such as *60 Minutes* won't survive no matter how many buckets of water Weiss insists they carry for tots like trump.

Mass Communications is long gone and the heyday of three-network news is slipping out the back door. Good riddance.

But now the Age of Whining is upon us.

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