

Who Knew You Could Buy a Gizmodo Journalist for the Price of a Hooker?



A contributor to the scuzzy feminist website 'Jezebel', and purportedly a self described comedian (?) Sara Benincasa, tweeted out Saturday that she would offer \$300 to any journalist who asks Trump his opinion on our nation's relations with the country of Wakanda and gets him answering on video. If you're like me, you too have no idea where Wakanda is. Just so happens Wakanda is the name of the fictional place where the Marvel's cartoon superhero Black Panther comes from. Um-Kay....

Granted, a story of this caliber would, in fact, be a step up from Benincasa's usual fare know for pieces like *"I am So Not Sorry About My Vagina, and Other Apologies We Should Retract."* (sorry but I don't link to this website). In her lengthy thread on [the tweeter](#), Benincasa encouraged others to offer monetary incentive saying she would start up a crowdfunding or Venmo thingy whereby any others who wish to thank the intrepid reporters bravery can add to the purse. Benincasa recommended that journalists who wanted to score the \$300 prize could *"casually drop the name of Wakanda in among a list of other things he's never heard of, like Estonia and Ethics."*

"I am offering \$300 to the journalist who very seriously asks Trump his opinion on

our nation's relations with Wakanda and gets the question and answer recorded live on video. I know \$300 doesn't sound like a lot to some people but I also know what most reporters make so...\$300. @SaraJBenincasa

According to [The Media Research Center](#), the **Huffington Post's** Jason Linkins tweeted, "I will match Sara's \$300." Best known for his articles in the HuffPo headlined, "*Trump Era Ignorance Triumphs Over Shakespeare*," "*James Comey Calls Donald Trump A Liar (Because He Is)*," and "*The Seth Rich Conspiracy Theory is Emblematic of the Trump Era*," the offer seems to fall in line with the rest of Linkins' political narrative. **TV Guide** editor Alex Zalben threw in his two cents, tweeting:

"If you follow this up with a question (that he answers) about whether Wakandan/American relations are complicated by them granting asylum to the terrorist fugitive James Buchanan Barnes, I will double the offer."

She also encouraged successful journalists to "donate the money" somewhere like the Committee to Protect Journalists. The CPJ [recently placed President Trump on a list](#) of authoritarian leaders with the label, "world's worst press oppressors." He was the winner of the "Overall Achievement in Undermining Global Press Freedom," and runner up for "Most Thin-skinned." Trump was listed along with world leaders who use actual terrorism to influence the press. But that doesn't matter. It's all anti-Trump, which means it must be worthwhile, right?



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