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Suzanne Scott
CEO
Fox News Media
1211 Avenue of the Americas
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Dear Ms. Scott:

I am writing to you in response to a deeply disturbing and offensive series of statements -- invoking some of the worst and oldest and anti-Semitic tropes -- by a frequent Fox News guest, Joe diGenova on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" at approximately 7:20 PM ET on November 13, 2019.

Mr. diGenova said:

"Well, there's no doubt that George Soros controls a very large part of the career Foreign Service at the United States State Department. He also controls the activities of FBI agents overseas who work for NGOs, work with NGOs. That was very evident in Ukraine. Kent was part of that. He was a very big protector of Soros. ... The truth is George Soros had a daily opportunity to tell the State Department through Victoria Nuland what to do in Ukraine. And he ran it, Soros ran it. He corrupted FBI officials, he corrupted Foreign Service officers. And the bottom line is this: George Soros wants to run Ukraine and he's doing everything he can, to use every lever of the United States government to make that happen — for business interests, not for good government." ([transcript](#) from the *Washington Post*).

Accusing Mr. Soros of controlling the government and world affairs is an anti-Semitic slur that, according to our [Center on Extremism](#), is prevalent among far-right groups in parts of Eastern Europe and increasingly in the United States. Casting Soros, a prominent Jewish philanthropist, as a puppet master who manipulates events for malign purposes taps a deep well of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories that go back centuries.

Your network seems to recognize this. On October 27, 2018, an episode of "Lou Dobbs Tonight" ran in which Chris Farrell of Judicial Watch suggested that the US State Department was "Soros-occupied" and behind a large caravan of migrants coming to the US. The next day, Gary Schreier, whom I am sure you know as he is the Senior Vice President for Programming at Fox Business Network, issued a [statement](#) that read: "We condemn the rhetoric by the guest on Lou Dobbs Tonight. This episode was a repeat which has now been pulled from all future airings." A spokesman went further and told reporters that Farrell will no longer be booked on Fox Business or Fox News.

This is exactly the right response. Networks and publishers can – and should – make judgment calls as to what voices they want to air. The day after Mr. diGenova made his anti-Semitic comments, I – along with many others – asked if the same standard you used in the Farrell case should be applied here. As far as I can tell, you and your network have not given an answer.

So, I am writing to ask you directly: In light of Mr. diGenova's anti-Semitic comments on air, will you follow your own precedent and no longer book him on your networks? If you will not, why?

Anti-Semitism is a millennia-old scourge that, unfortunately, is on the rise in our country and in others around the world. Dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism and hate, ADL takes this matter extremely seriously, and as such, looks forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Greenblatt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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