

[August 15, 2019]

"I can handle things. I'm smart. Not like everybody says, like dumb.
I'm smart and I want respect!" -- John Cazale as Fredo Corleone in
"The Godfather, Part II" (1974)

Except for when he shows up on TV with that "I Just Wacked Myself Upside the Head with a Two-by-Four" look on his face or yukking it up with his fellow dip shits, I don't give Chris Cuomo - son of the late New York governor Mario, and brother of the current New York governor Andrew - a thought. That changed the other day when someone named Brandon Recor dropped onto an undeserving world a video of a "tête-a-tête" a still-unidentified man had with The Guv's Baby Bro at a bar in Shelter Island, New York.

As far as I could gleam, Cuomo was kicking with some paisans (reports stated he was with his family, which is disproven by the video; yet another example of The Usual Suspects spreading Fake News to gin-up support for one of their own) when he was approached by a man who calls him "Fredo", the not-so-bright spawn of mob boss Vito Corleone in the novel *The Godfather*. Never mind that the not-so-bright guests on his gab-fest routinely call the not-so-bright spawn of Donald Trump "Fredo". Never mind that he referred to himself as the "F-Word" in a 2010 interview. Fredo Cuomo went full-blown Luca Brasi:

MAN #1: I thought that's who you were.

FREDO: No. Punk ass bitches from the right call me Fredo. My name is Chris Cuomo, I'm an anchor on CNN. Fredo is from *The Godfather*. He was that weak brother. And they use it as an Italian aspersion. Any of you Italian?

MAN #1: I got a little bit Italian.

FREDO: Are you Italian? It's a fucking insult to your people.

MAN #2: I didn't know that.

FREDO: It's an insult to your fucking people. It's like the N-word for us. Is that a cool fucking thing?!

MAN #1 (sarcastic): You're a much more reasonable guy in person than you seem to be on television.

FREDO: If you want to play, then we'll fucking play! If you got something to say about what I do on television, then say it! Don't be a [inaudible] and call me a fucking insult!

MAN #1: Listen.

FREDO: What?! What?!

MAN #1: I don't want any problems.

FREDO: Yeah, but you're going to have a big fucking problem!

MAN #1: What's the problem?

FREDO: It's a little different on TV. Don't fucking insult me like that!

MAN #1: I didn't insult you.

FREDO: What the fuck?! You called me Fredo! It's like I call you punk bitch! You like that? You want that to be your nickname?!

MAN #1: I didn't call you that.

FREDO: You called me Fredo! You know my name's not fucking Fredo!

MAN #1: I thought that's what your name was.

FREDO: You did not think my name was fucking Fredo! Don't be a liar!

MAN #1: I thought your name was --

FREDO: You want to be a man, stand up like a man!

MAN #1: I'm standing up, man.

FREDO: You want to be a man, I'm here!

MAN #1: Yeah, I'm here.

FREDO: Then fucking own it! Then own what you said!

MAN #1: Listen, man.

FREDO: Then fucking own it! Then own what you said!

MAN #1: I don't have a problem with you man.

FREDO: You're going to have a fucking problem!

MAN #1: What? What are you going to do about it?

FREDO: I'll fucking ruin your shit! I'll fucking throw you down these stairs like a fucking punk!

MAN #1: Please do.

FREDO: Why, so you can fucking sue?!

MAN #1: You don't want to do that. You don't want to do that.

FREDO: So you can fucking sue?!

MAN #1: But why don't you do that then?

FREDO: Then take a fucking swing! You want to call me Fredo, then take a fucking swing!

MAN #1: I'm not going to take a swing at you.

FREDO (at Man #2): Watch your fucking hands! Take a swing! No, no! Come on, boy! You want to call me shit, call me shit then! I'm right fucking here!

MAN #1: I'm not doing anything.

FREDO: I'll fucking wreck your shit! I'll fucking wreck your shit!

MAN #3: Chris, stop!

FREDO: You didn't know what you were doing when you called me Fredo?!

MAN #1: I thought it was your name man. I thought it was your name.

MAN #4: Break it up!

FREDO: You didn't know what you were saying?!

MAN #1: I thought it was his name.

FREDO: You thought my name was fucking Fredo?!

Say what you will about *Cristoforo il Coglione*, at least he pretends to have a pair. Whenever I think of his *Padre*, I think of the March 8, 1999 "*Charlie Rose Show*" when he struck a self important pose as self-styled hack Gay Talese ripped Joe DiMaggio, whom had died earlier that day. Not only did "Super" Mario not tell Talese "*vaffanculo!*", he didn't stick up for his boyhood hero once. Then again, we're talking about the *Toro Castrato* who dropped this little gem while running against Ed Koch in the 1977 Democrat New York City mayoral primary: "Vote for Cuomo, Not the Homo".

OY!

It will come as no surprise that CNN spun the Shelter Island Smackdown as Fredo defending himself against an ethnic slur (they think we're THAT dumb!). And it will come as no surprise that his fellow Loony Toons were dancing to CNN's loony tune. What IS a surprise is that - with VERY-few exceptions - self-styled conservatives were dancing the same jig:

* @johncardillo: "The guy who approached him and insulted him in front of his kids was a punk... There are lines you don't cross."

* @DailyCaller: "[He] was absolutely in the right for brashly pushing back against an internet troll who tried to 'gotcha' him in front of his family."

* @SeanDuffyWI: "Good for [him] for standing up to this bully."

* @JGilliam_SEAL: "I think most people would've reacted how [he] did if confronted with family."

* @JesseKellyDC: "Don't approach a man in public and start chirping at him, film it, then whine when you get put in your place. [He] did nothing wrong here. Leave people alone and mind your own business."

* @seanhannity: "I say good for [him]. He's out with his 9 year old daughter, and his wife, and this guy is being a jackass in front of his family. IMHO, [he] has zero to apologize for. He deserves the apology."

* @hughhewitt: "There are many examples of public figures provoked in many different ways. It is a spiral and it's on the provocateurs who want to get a viral moment with cheap shots, some worse than others. But all low rent."

* @brithume: "So which is worse: [him] getting into it with some random guy on the street, or Trump getting into it with Cuomo?"

* @TomiLahren: "I feel for [him] because I know what it's like. He was minding his own business with his family. Uncalled for."

* @CLewandowski_: "Have some respect. [He] has every right to defend himself and his family."

* @realJeffreyLord: "He doesn't deserve this... This is totally unacceptable. It clearly unacceptable. And good for [him] for standing up for himself."

* @TianaTheFirst: "It's wrong to aggressively confront a public figure in a private capacity, especially if it's with the sole intention of filming a provocation."

* @SteveDeaceShow: "I'm not a fan of [his] daily douchtastic dumbassery... But I'm also not a fan of extending douchtastic dumbassery to him off the air when he's with his family."

* @John_Kass: "The guy was out with his family and a jerk got into his face. [He] has nothing to apologize for."

* Tom Wroblewski, @siadvance: "The guy doing the filming was clearly trying to rile [him] up in order to get a viral video out of it. So that guy succeeded. Knuckleheads like that don't deserve applause. [He] should be able to enjoy his off-time without putting up with jerks."

* @stevecuoizzo: "[He] may have snapped because he's fed up with Italian-American references that are slurs and yet tolerated by society without any 'woke' objections."

* @benshapiro: "I think the guy was being a jerk to [him], and I certainly understand [him] getting pissed".

* @genesimmons: "Standing with you, Chris. Any husband and father would have done the same thing to protect his family."

* @GeraldoRivera: "I'm with Chris 100%. He should have clocked that douche."

* @MattWalshBlog: "Heckling a public figure and secretly recording their reaction to get clicks is a punk move... He's out with his family, and you come up to him and start mouthing off, the guy filming it deserved to be treated exactly as he was."

* @ReaganBattalion: "Good for him for standing up to a thug harassing him while his little girl is standing next to her daddy. Have we all lost our collective minds?"

No... but YOU tools have! You DO realize if any of you are ever caught on camera losing your shit (and your "minds"), your new bestie will NOT have your back. Right?

Maybe the guy was out to set him up. So what? Fredo could have handled it one of several ways, NONE of which involved dropping 25 F-Bombs AND threatening bodily harm, which is illegal (you think a graduate of Yale Law School would know this). Truly-frightening is how The Usual Suspects brushed-off how Fredo DID handle it, with a rage which can be described only as homicidal. Jack the Ripper had better impulse-control.

As I noted in "A Slice of 'Hate'", "Teflon Don", "Jail the Fat, Ugly, Bitch!", "Dumbass Deal and Loony Loretta", and "Judging The Judge", when push comes to shove, "conservatives" will throw us under the bus to grovel before The Powers That Be like the self-flagellating *froci* they are. Their cowardice would be funny were it not so predictably-pathetic.

UPDATE: After suspending him when documents revealed his damage-control work on behalf of Andrew, who had been accused by several women of sexual harassment, CNN announced Cuomo has been fired [December 4, 2021]

UPDATE: "*Cuomo*" debuts on NewsNation [October 3, 2022]