

## Trump's communications director will get \$7 million from Fox News while working in the White House

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Bill Shine received \$15.4 million in severance and bonuses from Fox News after mishandling numerous allegations of sexual misconduct.

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Bill Shine at the White House on September 18, 2018. (Alex Wong/Getty Images)

President Donald Trump's administration attempted to use [Black Friday](#) as cover for its latest cringeworthy staffing revelation.

White House communications director Bill Shine's financial disclosure form was finally released on Friday, nearly five months after he filled the vacancy left by [Hope Hicks](#)' departure.

Shine, who Trump hired in July following his [firing](#) from Fox News last year for mishandling numerous sexual misconduct complaints, received a \$15.4 million severance package from the conservative network, [per](#) CNBC.

Around \$7 million of that is owed to Shine this year and in 2019 via a "future bonus" and "options."

That means the White House communications director will be paid simultaneously by Fox News and the White House.

Shine was a key part of the conservative network's pervasive culture.



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The former Fox co-president was named in multiple lawsuits as an [alleged](#) enabler of Roger Ailes, the ex-chairman and CEO of Fox News who [resigned](#) in 2016 after [multiple accusations of sexual misconduct](#). Shine reportedly told subordinates not to speak up about Ailes' alleged [rampant](#) abuse.

Ailes, a former aide to President Richard Nixon, [advised](#) Trump's campaign after his dismissal from the conservative network. The Fox News founder [died](#) last year.

Shine was [also](#) involved in settlements with women who accused former Fox News host Bill O'Reilly of sexual harassment. O'Reilly was [ousted](#) from the

conservative network last year after the [hush payments](#) surfaced and advertisers bailed on his show.

Since Shine's hiring, which was [praised](#) by O'Reilly and Fox News' Sean Hannity, he has been involved in [banning reporters](#) from the White House and instituting new "[rules](#)" for the media that only allow one question to be asked.

Shine's wife, Darla, who was a producer at Fox News, [reportedly](#) has complained that she can't use the N-word, spread baseless conspiracy theories about vaccines, and claimed that women in the military should expect to be sexually harassed.

[The feedback loop between Trump and Fox News has been well-established.](#)

National Security Adviser John Bolton, White House Strategic Communications Director Mercedes Schlapp, State Department spokesperson Heather Nauert, U.S. Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell, Shine, and [several other](#) members of Trump's administration are former Fox News employees.