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You can feel the tension when NBC anchors are called out for liberal bias — by their own colleague

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Things got tense on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday after two of the network's hosts were called out for their perceived liberal bias — by their own colleague.

"To see Russians happy because Trump won — on election night I never saw you so unhappy. You picked sides. Everybody picked sides," CNBC host Rick Santelli told "Meet the Press" host Chuck Todd and NBC reporter Andrea Mitchell.

Santelli's comment prompted immediate blowback from both NBC employees.

"That's not true, Rick. That's just not true," Mitchell fired back. Todd, for his part, pushed back by asking, "Who picked sides?"

But Santelli continued to build his case.

"We were hacking [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel's phone, everybody does it," Santelli said.

The CNBC host was referring to when German intelligence sources caught U.S. spies [listening in](#) on German Chancellor Angela Merkel's phone calls.

But Mitchell pointed out that while every country conducts foreign surveillance, Russia took it one step further this time by passing along the intelligence it obtained — the emails of the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, John Podesta.

“What made this different is that the Russians weaponized it by transferring it through intermediaries to WikiLeaks. They dumped it out. We do it and hold it. They do it and hold it,” Mitchell said.

TheBlaze did not find any particularly biased reporting from either Todd or Mitchell on Election Night. While a number of their MSNBC colleagues, including Chris Matthews and Rachel Maddow, went into meltdowns following President-elect Donald Trump's victory, the network duo, for the most part, kept their cool.

On the morning after Trump's victory, however, Mitchell made headlines when she said history had been [“put on hold yet again”](#), referring to the fact that Clinton would have been the first female president.

Mitchell then wondered if Clinton can't break through as the first woman to become president, then [“who can?”](#)

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