

Jeff Bezos, Founder of Amazon, Threatened by National Enquirer with Exposure of Intimate Photos

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Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon, owner of the Washington Post, and reportedly the richest man in the world, was threatened by the parent company of the National Enquirer that it would publish nude and intimate photos of him and his mistress unless he agreed to remain silent about the Inquirer's role in squelching adverse stories about President Trump. Bezos responded by posting the threatening email. It is ironic that Bezos, through its selling of private information about Amazon customers and Amazon's role in creating high-tech surveillance tools, found himself the victim of his own specialty. - GEG

The National Enquirer has engaged in behavior so lowly and unscrupulous that it created a seemingly impossible storyline: the world's richest billionaire and a **notorious labor abuser**, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, as a sympathetic victim.

On Thursday, Bezos **published emails** in which the Enquirer's parent company explicitly threatened to publish intimate photographs of Bezos and his mistress, which were apparently exchanged between the two through their iPhones, unless Bezos agreed to a series of demands involving silence about the company's conduct.

In a perfect world, none of the sexually salacious material the Enquirer was threatening to release would be incriminating or

embarrassing to Bezos: it involves consensual sex between adults that is the business of nobody other than those involved and their spouses. But that's not the world in which we live: few news events generate moralizing interest like sex scandals, especially among the media.

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