
Washington Post CEO Will Lewis Resigns Amid Layoffs

Description

Will Lewis, the Publisher and CEO of the *Washington Post*, resigned on Saturday evening. He had worked at the newspaper for two years. His time was marked by problems and job cuts.

Lewis's resignation came after many staff members were laid off. More than a third of the newsroom lost their jobs. This happened after his plans for new ideas did not work. The paper lost millions of pounds in the last few years. At one point, losses reached £100 million.

Jeff D'Onofrio, the paper's chief financial officer, will take over as acting CEO. Many people in the newsroom felt lost during Lewis's time. He did not take part in important meetings or address readers about their concerns.

Just one day after his resignation, Lewis was seen at a Super Bowl event in California. Many journalists had written letters to Jeff Bezos, the owner of the *Washington Post*, asking for help. They wanted to stop job cuts and find stability for the paper. Bezos did not reply to their letters.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Resignation** /,rɛzɪg'neɪʃən/ (noun): The act of resigning from a position or office.
2. **Staff** /stæf/ (noun): The people who work for an organization or business.
3. **Job cuts** /dʒab kʌts/ (noun): Reductions in the number of staff employed by an organization.
4. **Concerns** /kən'sərnz/ (noun): Worries or issues that someone has about a particular situation.
5. **Stability** /stə'biliti/ (noun): The state of being stable or steady; absence of change or disruption.
6. **Losses** /'lɔ:sɪz/ (noun): The amount of money lost especially in business.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. How long did Will Lewis work at the *Washington Post*?

Option: 1 year
Option: 2 years
Option: 3 years

Option: 4 years

2. What marked Will Lewis's time as the Publisher and CEO of the *Washington Post*?

- Option: Successful innovations
- Option: Job cuts and problems
- Option: Financial gains
- Option: Increased readership

3. Who will take over as acting CEO of the *Washington Post* after Will Lewis's resignation?

- Option: Jeff Bezos
- Option: Jeff D'Onofrio
- Option: Lewis's replacement has not been announced yet
- Option: An external candidate

4. Where was Will Lewis seen just one day after his resignation?

- Option: At the *Washington Post* office
- Option: At a press conference
- Option: At a Super Bowl event in California
- Option: At a shareholder meeting

5. What did journalists ask Jeff Bezos to help with in their letters?

- Option: Improve the newspaper's website
- Option: Increase advertising revenue
- Option: Stop job cuts and find stability for the paper
- Option: Launch a new publication

6. What was the nature of the financial losses incurred by the *Washington Post* under Will Lewis's leadership?

- Option: Profits increased
- Option: Slight losses
- Option: Substantial financial gains
- Option: Millions of pounds lost

True-False

7. More than half of the newsroom staff lost their jobs when Will Lewis resigned.

8. Jeff D'Onofrio was the chief financial officer of the *Washington Post*.

9. Will Lewis actively addressed readers' concerns during his time as CEO.

10. Jeff Bezos replied to the letters from journalists asking for help.

11. Will Lewis was involved in important meetings during his time as Publisher of the *Washington Post*.

12. The newsroom at the *Washington Post* was stable during Will Lewis's tenure.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 2 years 2. Job cuts and problems 3. Jeff D'Onofrio 4. At a Super Bowl event in California 5. Stop job cuts and find stability for the paper 6. Millions of pounds lost

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

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