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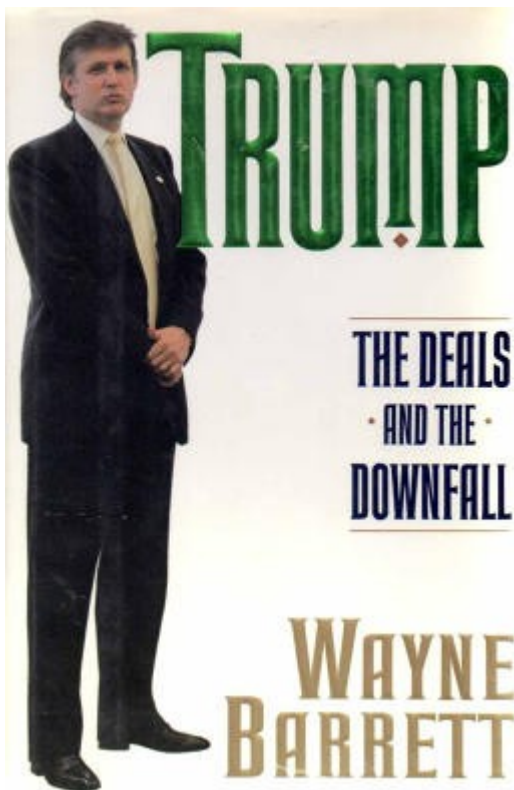


CLOSING OUT 2018

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‘....But Trump told a different story to casino regulators who were deciding whether to grant him the lucrative gambling license.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with these people," he said about Shapiro and Sullivan during licensing hearings in 1982, according to "TrumpNation." "Many of them have been in Atlantic City for many, many years and I think they are well thought of." Sullivan's unsavory reputation did not stop Trump from later arranging for him to be hired as a labor negotiator for the Grand Hyatt, a hotel project on Manhattan's East Side, according to *People* magazine and the [Los Angeles Times](#). Trump also introduced Sullivan to his own banker at Chase, though he declined to guarantee a loan to Sullivan, reported the *L.A. Times*.



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Preferential Treatment For The Donald?

In the book, Barrett also claimed that New Jersey state regulators demonstrated a double standard by granting Trump a casino license while denying licenses to other developers and gambling executives whose conduct was far less troubling than Trump's. In 1985, Hilton Hotels was turned down for a license partly due to the chain's ties to Sidney Korshak, a lawyer with reputed mob connections. But with Trump, the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) never bothered to write a report that raised "the possibility that Cohn's mob liaisons . . . might have been used to facilitate Trump construction projects," wrote Barrett'

SOTU COMMENTARY

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February 15, 2019

CNN

Elizabeth Warren: Trump 'may not even be a free person' by 2020

**POLITICS White House Manhunt Reportedly Underway For Trump
Schedule Leaker **By** Amy Russo**

**The schedules revealed the president has spent more than half his work
time in unstructured "executive time."**

Trump's racist attacks enter new phase

The President won't merely bully Elizabeth Warren with the nickname 'Pocahontas' anymore. That's old hat.

SE Cupp: Trump hopes Democratic nominee is Warren

Trump Jr. makes light of Native American genocide while rooting for father's attack on Warren

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Trump appears to joke about Trail of Tears genocide in tweet about Elizabeth Warren Donald Trump appears to have told a joke about the Trail of Tears in tweet about Elizabeth Warren after the U.S. senator from Massachusetts announced her 2020 Democratic presidential campaign.

HUFFPOST Trump Revives Racist 'Pocahontas' Slur Against Warren, Donald Jr. Responds: 'Savage!'

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WASHPOST

House Intelligence chairman voices concern that Mueller's scrutiny of Trump's finances isn't adequate Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.) promised a vigorous investigation of the president's ties to Deutsche Bank, which has been implicated in Russian money laundering. By **Greg Miller**

SNL confronts Virginia's blackface scandal: 'It was never funny or cool'

The sketch focused on a meeting at the Virginia State Capitol, where a frustrated ethics committee chair (Kenan Thompson) tried to get ahead of other potential scandals.

NYTIMES

In Closed Hearing, a Clue About 'the Heart' of Mueller's Russia Inquiry -

Plans discussed by Trump associates to address Russia's conflict with Ukraine remained at the center of the investigation, said a lead prosecutor to the special counsel, Robert S. Mueller III. -The theory was offered during a discussion of contacts between President Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and a Russian associate.

LATIMES

Nation 'El Chapo' jurors weigh a mountain of evidence and a complex web of charges Irene Plagianos



TRUMP

**THE DEALS
• AND THE •
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[Wealth concentration near 'levels seen during Roaring Twenties'...](#)

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Schiff concerned Special Counsel scrutiny of finances isn't adequate...

Maxine Waters rants: We're going to get your tax returns!

Congress already laying groundwork for impeachment...

YAHOO NEWS

Politics The Independent

Trump ordered Justice Department to draft memo advising firing of

Comey, former deputy FBI director claims Donald Trump ordered the Justice Department to justify his firing of FBI director James Comey in 2017, according to a new book by Mr Comey's former deputy. In the upcoming memoir, former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe details deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein's upset at allegedly being asked by the White House to draft a now notorious memo in which he advised Mr Comey's removal.

The Recession Will Likely Start This Month

Sovereign Investor Daily, U.S. Economy February 11, 2019 February 8, 2019 Michael Carr



In December, business leaders worried about a recession.

According to the Duke University/CFO Global Business Outlook, 48.6% of U.S. chief financial officers believe the nation's economy will enter a recession by the end of 2019.

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates but noted an increase in economic risks. Fed Chair Jerome Powell hinted the Fed might start cutting rates soon.

Somehow, everyone seemed to forget about all that when the stock market rallied in January. But they should remain worried.

Indicators tell us a recession is likely. And it's likely to start this month.

The Triggers for a Recession

In the past, recessions began in the month when the unemployment rate rose 0.4% from its bottom.

Unemployment fell to 3.7% in November. The trigger for a recession is 4.1%.

It was 4% in January.

On average, the trigger follows the bottom by eight months. But it's ranged from as little as two months to as many as 17.

You might wonder why no one at the Fed noticed this. Chances are high they did.

The Fed became concerned about a recession and changed policy in the past few months.

You might wonder why other analysts ignore this indicator. That's probably because it didn't work well recently.

The last three signals were early. Recessions followed unemployment-rate lows by an average of 13 months. But interest rates were in long-term downtrends at those times.

When interest rates are in long-term uptrends, recessions followed the bottom in unemployment by just six months. That's where we are now.

Interest rates bottomed in July 2016. They almost doubled since then. Of course, this is just one indicator warning of recession. Another one is my [Recession Watch Indicator](#).

The Fed triggered that in December 2016.

The indicator has an average lead time of 17 months. It points to a recession starting by the second quarter of 2019.

Beware the Yield Curve

The yield curve also continues pointing to a recession.

The yield curve shows the price of money over time. It charts the difference between interest rates on bonds with different times to maturity.

A popular yield curve is the 10/2, which compares the yield of the 10-year Treasury to the 2-year Treasury.

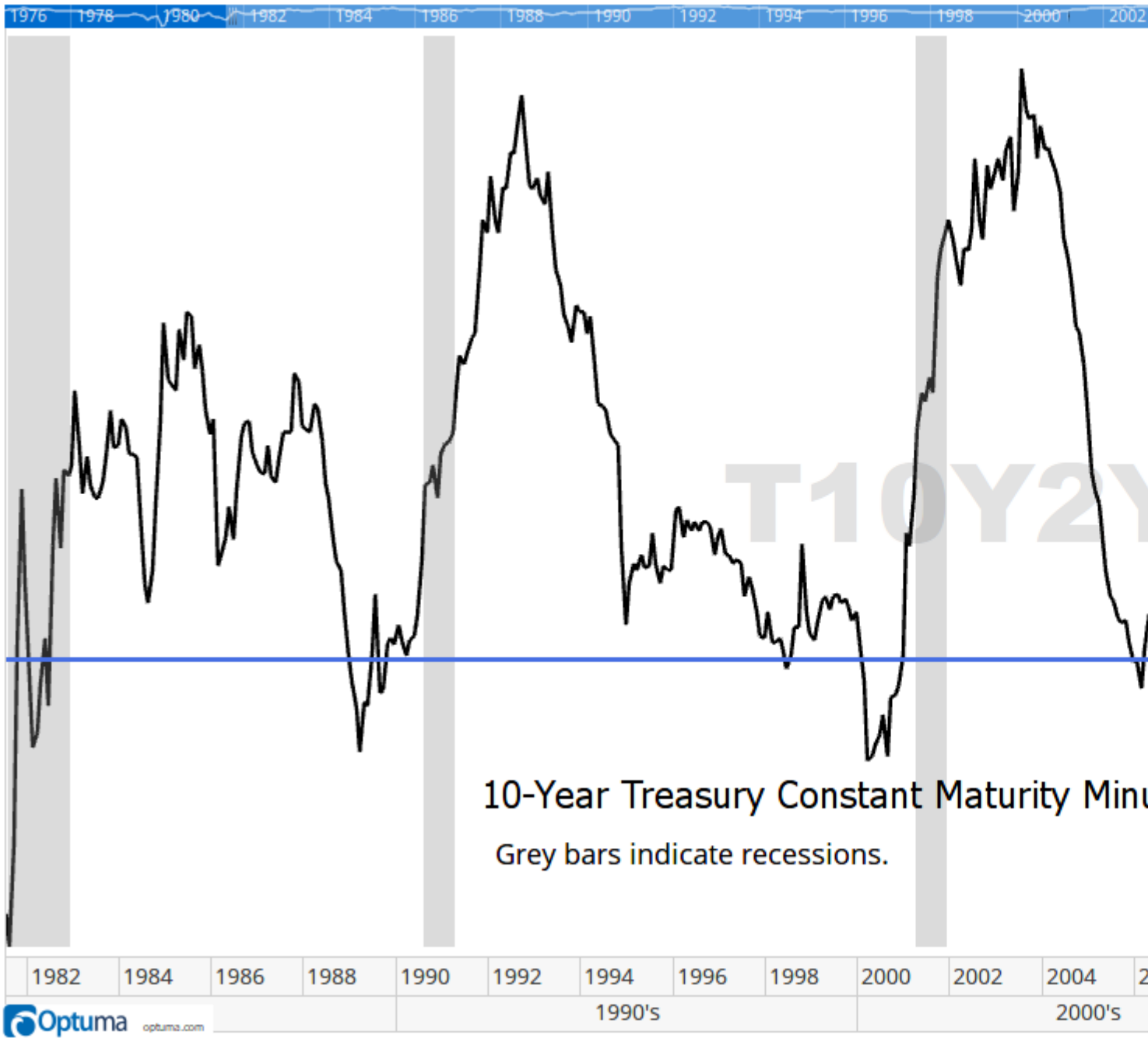
Yields on the 10-year are usually higher than yields on the 2-year. That's because there's more risk that things can go wrong over 10 years than there is in two years.

When the 10-year yield falls below the 2-year yield, the yield curve inverts.

In the past, that meant investors were worried about the short-term outlook for the economy, but they were still confident about the long term.

The yield curve is at 0.16% right now, well below its 10-year average of 1.64%.

The chart below shows that every time the curve fell this low, it eventually inverted, and a recession followed.



This cluster of indicators confirms the stock market's message.

Stocks peaked in October. The peak usually occurs about six months before the recession begins. That points to an April start date.

All these indicators only provide approximate forecasts. But they all agree: The next recession is starting soon.

Regards,

Michael Carr, CMT, CFTe

Editor, *Peak Velocity Trader*

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YAHOO NEWS

Politics HuffPost [Matt Whitaker Headed To Trump Hotel After Hearing And People Are Talking](#) After an incredibly contentious hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on Friday Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker was spotted at the Trump International Hotel in Washington

[Trump Cheers The Faithful For 'Abolition Of Civil Rights' And Twitter Shakes Its Head](#)

CNN

[The President is now seeing his campaign, inauguration, transition, presidency and past business career under the scrutiny of investigations](#)

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More State Of The Union COMMENTARY BY STEPHEN COLBERT

Regarding trump Threats Therein

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per presidential tradition, for good reason, trump tax returns back in the cross hairs, commentary by STEPHEN COLBERT

MARKETWATCH

[Jeff Bezos accuses National Enquirer of attempting to blackmail him with more explicit photos](#)

In a blog post published on Medium, Bezos — who is also the owner of the Washington Post, a role that Bezos called “a complexifier” — said he received an email this week from American Media Inc., the corporate owner of the Enquirer, threatening to publish more compromising photos of him if he did not call off a Post investigation into potential political motivations behind a previous Enquirer exposé of his romantic life.

“Rather than capitulate to extortion and blackmail, I’ve decided to publish exactly what they sent me, despite the personal cost and embarrassment they threaten.” *Jeff Bezos*

‘.....In January, the Enquirer published photos and text messages that Amazon’s [AMZN, -0.86%](#) CEO had shared privately with his mistress, and Bezos and his wife subsequently announced [they’re getting divorced](#). In

his blog post, Bezos said he hired security expert Gavin de Becker to investigate the leaked photos. “I engaged investigators to learn how those texts were obtained, and to determine the motives for the many unusual actions taken by the Enquirer,” Bezos wrote. Bezos noted that AMI is run by David Pecker, a longtime friend of President Donald Trump, and has been accused of [“catch-and-kill” payoffs to suppress reports that could be damaging to Trump](#), as well as pro-Saudi Arabia dealings. Trump has repeatedly lashed out against Bezos in tweets over the Post’s reporting.....’

CNN

[Jeff Bezos says National Enquirer publisher tried to extort him](#)

[Bezos says he was threatened with extortion](#)

[The CEO of Amazon says the National Enquirer's owner said he would release his intimate photos in what he calls 'extortion and blackmail'](#)

[Jeffrey Toobin: 'Appalling behavior' on AMI's part](#)

[Trump furious at Schiff's hires](#)

[The President is angry after the House intel committee hired officials who worked at the NSC to help with oversight of his administration](#)

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Alter: How Trump uses hate, lies for his political ends

The Last Word

Sen. Chris Murphy on Trump's 'foreign policy garbage fire'

Whitaker Tries Bailing On Congressional Testimony After Dems Threaten Subpoena

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BEZOS EXPOSES PECKER

WASHPOST

Is President Trump the 'Offshorer-in-chief'? Washington Post By Glenn Kessler February 8 at 3:00 AM 'The Trump administration has awarded more than \$50 billion in new federal contracts to companies that continue to shutter U.S. factories as they seek cheaper labor abroad.'

Trump takes fresh aim at Democrats as scrutiny by party intensifies

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Virginia’s Political Crisis Grows for Democrats and Republicans

Allegations of racism that have besieged Democrats have spread to a G.O.P. lawmaker, who helped oversee a college yearbook with racist photographs and slurs.

Lawmakers in Richmond braced for sustained upheaval as the scandal involving the personal conduct of leading officials showed no sign of ending.

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One speech, two conflicting missions: Trump revs up his base while reaching beyond it

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Army invades L.A.'s space: Black helicopters, loud booms, simulated gunfire are all part of the drill

CNN

Lawmaker, Whitaker clash over donations

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Scott Galloway: AMI is out of business, they just don't know it yet

Morning Joe The Saudi Arabia connection to the Bezos AMI story

In his Medium post, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos writes that the Washington Post's investigation into David Pecker's ties to Saudi Arabia 'seems to hit a particularly sensitive nerve.' And the NYT reports on evidence the Saudi crown prince considered killing Jamal Khashoggi long before his death in Istanbul.

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REPORTS: FEDS PROBING PECKER!

FARROW: ENQUIRER THREATENED ME, TOO!

Ronan Farrow Says Jeff Bezos Isn't The Only One AMI Tried To Blackmail
By Liza Hearon

HEARING OFF THE RAILS: CAGEY A.G. DUCKS — AGAIN!

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Trump's History Of Employing Undocumented Workers Goes Way Back, Per New Report

By Marina Fang

Trump has employed dozens of undocumented workers at his New Jersey country club, the report says.

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The Government Accountability Office said the average cost of the president's first four trips to his Florida retreat was \$3.4 million each.

- **By [Philip Bump](#)**

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- **Female lawmakers cheer Trump at State of the Union**

live updates Abrams in State of the Union rebuttal: 'We are coming for America'

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 - **39 min agoTrump: 'If I had not been elected president of the United States, we would ... be in a major war with North Korea'**
 - **40 min agoTrump claims 'countless Americans' were murdered by undocumented immigrants. Here's what the statistics show.**
 - **41 min agoTrump says he will ask Congress to pass legislation banning late-term abortions**

- **44 min ago**Trump's youngest guest is a 10-year-old cancer survivor
- **48 min ago**Trump makes bipartisan policy pitches: infrastructure and prescription drugs
- **54 min ago**Fact check: Trump claims 1 in 3 women assaulted on journey to border
- **57 min ago**Women lawmakers flip the script and surprise Trump with applause
- **57 min ago**Trump on the wall: 'I will get it built'
- **1 hr 9 min ago**Trump urges Congress to confront 'urgent national crisis' at US southern border
- **1 hr 17 min ago**Trump commuted her sentence. Tonight, Alice Johnson is at his State of the Union.
- **1 hr 18 min ago**Trump slams 'ridiculous partisan investigations'
- **1 hr 23 min ago**Fact check: Behind Trump's claim that the US is the planet's No. 1 producer of oil and natural gas
- **1 hr 25 min ago**Trump said the 'state of our union is strong.' Pelosi didn't clap.
- **1 hr 36 min ago**Trump: 'We must reject the politics of revenge, resistance and retribution'
- **1 hr 36 min ago**Trump thanks astronaut Buzz Aldrin
- **1 hr 36 min ago**Trump appealed for bipartisanship in his State of the Union opening. Nancy Pelosi applauded.
- **1 hr 49 min ago**Trump has arrived on the House floor
- **1 hr 50 min ago**First lady Melania Trump takes her seat
- **1 hr 55 min ago**Just four Supreme Court justices are attending tonight's address
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New 'Teflon Don' from new york? Even drudge is constrained to say so and, given the pervasive level of american corruption, that's probably true! How embarrassing.

Note: Nobody mentions the second trillion borrowed by the government of course things temporarily feel good the whole political point of same but disaster, as night follows day, is just around the corner!

Trump's economy is a train wreck waiting to happen { That is a true statement! } Mark Zandi is chief economist of Moody's Analytics. [CNN](#)

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- **1 hr 17 min agoTrump commuted her sentence. Tonight, Alice Johnson is at his State of the Union.**
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- **1 hr 23 min agoFact check: Behind Trump's claim that the US is the planet's No. 1 producer of oil and natural gas**
- **1 hr 25 min agoTrump said the 'state of our union is strong.' Pelosi didn't clap.**
- **1 hr 36 min agoTrump: 'We must reject the politics of revenge, resistance and retribution'**
- **1 hr 36 min agoTrump thanks astronaut Buzz Aldrin**
- **1 hr 36 min agoTrump appealed for bipartisanship in his State of the Union opening. Nancy Pelosi applauded.**
- **1 hr 49 min agoTrump has arrived on the House floor**
- **1 hr 50 min agoFirst lady Melania Trump takes her seat**
- **1 hr 55 min agoJust four Supreme Court justices are attending tonight's address**
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- **2 hr 2 min agoPence and Pelosi share a bipartisan handshake**
- **2 hr 4 min agoThe guests that members of Congress are bringing to the State of the Union**
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New 'Teflon Don' from new york? Even drudge is constrained to say so and, given the pervasive level of american corruption, that's probably true! How embarrassing.

Note: Nobody mentions the second trillion borrowed by the government of course things temporarily feel good the whole political point of same but disaster, as night follows day, is just around the corner!

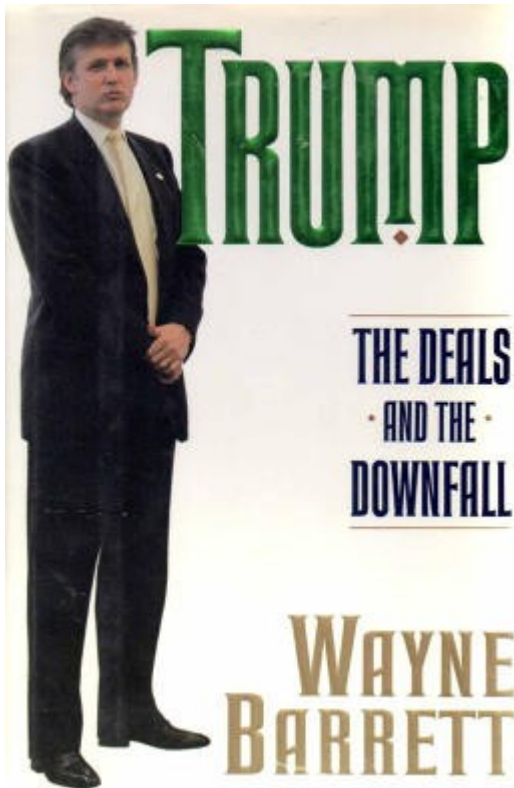
Trump's economy is a train wreck waiting to happen { That is a true statement! } Mark Zandi is chief economist of Moody's Analytics. [CNN](#)

Van Jones: Trump speech was 'psychotically incoherent'

ANN COULTER: 'LUNATIC' TRUMP COULD FACE GOP CHALLENGER

‘.....But Trump told a different story to casino regulators who were deciding whether to grant him the lucrative gambling license.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with these people," he said about Shapiro and Sullivan during licensing hearings in 1982, according to "TrumpNation." "Many of them have been in Atlantic City for many, many years and I think they are well thought of." Sullivan's unsavory reputation did not stop Trump from later arranging for him to be hired as a labor negotiator for the Grand Hyatt, a hotel project on Manhattan's East Side, according to *People* magazine and the [Los Angeles Times](#). Trump also introduced Sullivan to his own banker at Chase, though he declined to guarantee a loan to Sullivan, reported the *L.A. Times*.



...In his investigative biography, [Trump: The Deals and the Downfall](#), reporter Wayne Barrett wrote that Trump's life "intertwines with the underworld," and he outlined the real-estate developer's numerous alleged ties to organized crime, including that Trump:

- Once met Salerno at the Manhattan townhouse of Roy Cohn, the infamous sidekick to Joe McCarthy who represented both men, according to an eyewitness source who talked to Barrett.

- **Was very close to Cohn, whom Barrett describes as Trump's "bridge to the mob."**
- **Had ties to mob associates Shapiro and Sullivan.**
- **Paid almost double the market price for property in Atlantic City owned by Salvatore Testa, a capo in the Scarfo crime family.**
- **Evaded New Jersey state laws banning casino owners from making political contributions by channeling donations to Mike Mathews, then-candidate for mayor of Atlantic City, through Shapiro and another mob-tied associate.**
- **Failed to disclose to state casino regulators that Trump was the target of a bribery probe in 1979 and was questioned in a 1981 racketeering investigation. Neither federal probe led to criminal charges, noted the Philadelphia Inquirer's David Johnston in a review of the book.**

Preferential Treatment For The Donald?

In the book, Barrett also claimed that New Jersey state regulators demonstrated a double standard by granting Trump a casino license



while denying licenses to other developers and gambling executives whose conduct was far less troubling than Trump's. In 1985, Hilton Hotels [was turned down for a license](#) partly due to the chain's ties to Sidney Korshak, a lawyer with reputed mob connections. But with Trump, the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) never bothered to write a report that raised "the possibility that Cohn's mob liaisons . . . might have been used to facilitate Trump construction projects," wrote Barrett

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Donald Trump jeopardizes national security by ignoring intelligence community: Today's talker

President Donald Trump doesn't have the best record on telling the truth, but dismissing the intelligence community altogether might put us at risk.

Trump branded 'extraordinarily inappropriate' amid widespread astonishment at president's attack on intelligence chiefs

The Independent

In reversal, Trump now says he and intel chiefs in agreement

Associated Pres

CNN

Trump calls his intel chiefs 'passive and naive' [Well, if trump says it, it must be true...NOT!]

President rebukes intel officials after they contradict him on Iran and claims of foreign policy success

Analyst: Trump treats Putin as a shadow adviser

US intelligence chief contradicts Trump on ISIS defeat

Trump says intel chiefs were misquoted {Oh come on Yet another fantastic fiction to to further the fraud/lie/delusion quite pathetic}

A day after insulting his intelligence chiefs, the President says they were 'taken out of context' in their public testimony contradicting him

Burnett: Tapes don't lie, but the president (compulsively lies like a baseturd) ... Erin Burnett Out Front CNN's Erin Burnett jabs President Trump for claiming his intelligence chiefs said they were misquoted even though they publicly testified on camera. (this is the kind of surreal fear-filled scenario in hitler's nazi germany) Source: CNN Trump says intel chiefs were misquoted {Oh come on.....Yet another fantastic fiction to to further his frauds/lies/delusions quite pathetic Erin Burnett: Tapes don't lie, but trump }

Federal prosecutors subpoena Trump inaugural committee

The wide-ranging subpoena asks for donations made by and on behalf of foreign nationals

Trump won't commit to making Mueller report public

Why Mueller cares about Donald Trump

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How Mueller is investigating the Russians

Democrats prepare for week of blockbuster hearings into Trump

Even some Republicans balk as Trump targets US spy chiefs

Madeleine Albright: Trump doesn't want to learn

Albright 'stunned' by Trump's dressing down of intel chiefs

Panetta: Job of intel community is to speak truth to power

Analysis: Trump's unprecedented outburst aids US adversaries, and some Republicans are balking

Trump singles out director of national intelligence

Opinion: Trump can't bully his intelligence agencies into submission [Oh, I wouldn't go so far as to say that some are merely pathetically thankful to have a paycheck let's see if they have any backbone doubts are reasonable in that regard]

Senate investigators told Trump Jr.'s mysterious calls weren't with his father

House Dems still face fight over Trump's taxes

Democrats have control of the House, but that may not be enough to get them one thing they really want

Analysis: Why House Dems are going to go after Trump's taxes

Remember when Trump refused to release his tax returns?

Richard Neal plows ahead with plans to request Trump's taxes

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Anderson Cooper: Sarah Sanders is wrong

Intel chief warns Russia will target 2020 elections

US intelligence chiefs reveal gulf with Trump

Chris Christie: Trump 'blew it' with shutdown

Evidence collected from Roger Stone spans years

Graham: Stone raid was Mueller sending a message

Analysis: Trump's outburst aids adversaries, and some Republicans are balking

**Christie lists 'bad, stupid' people in WH { Entertainment Vulture
Donald Trump Jr. Doesn't Know What SNL Stands For "You dummy," said Bobby Moynihan. Donald Trump Jr. thinks 'Saturday Night Live' is called 'S&L' Yahoo TV
Chris Evans, Bobby Moynihan, and More Rip Donald Trump Jr. For Epic 'Saturday Night Live' Flub Indiewire 'SATURDAY AND LIVE!' Donald Trump Jr. Writes 'S&L' Instead Of 'SNL' And Twitter Loses It By Ron Dicker }**

Madeleine Albright 'stunned' by Trump's dressing down of intel chiefs

Trump says 'time will prove me right, probably' on split with intel chiefs

Amendment admonishing Trump over Middle East troop pullout advances in GOP-led Senate

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The 26 wildest lines from Donald Trump's Daily Caller interview [click]

The back-and-forth between House speaker Pelosi and the President makes clear that a deal including border wall funding won't be easy to come by

Trump: Pelosi will be begging for a wall

Over 3,000 more US troops headed to southern border

Trump blames Paul Ryan for not getting border wall funding

Exclusive: White House preparing draft national emergency order, has identified \$7 billion for wall

Analysis: 1 number that proves the shutdown was a GOP disaster

Kamala Harris: Trump's wall a 'medieval vanity project'

Sarah Sanders: God 'wanted Donald Trump to become president' { Wow! Yeah, to punish americans particularly and the world generally and, to illustrate how sick and pathetic satan et als are ... It's truly incredible that such as sanders are throwing such bullst out there for public consumption even more pathetic is the reality that trump loyalists lap this stuff up and regurgitate it ... america's never seen worse than this trump scenario}**

CHRISTIE SAYS KUSHNER'S FATHER COMMITTED ONE OF THE MOST DISGUSTING CRIMES HE PROSECUTED

***Washington (CNN)*Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said that "one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes" he prosecuted more than a decade ago when he was a US attorney was committed by the father of President Donald Trump's son-in-law and top adviser Jared Kushner.**

Christie, who chaired Trump's transition team for a short time, has recently been drawing attention to his relationship with Kushner and his

father, the real estate developer Charles Kushner, while [promoting his new book](#), "Let Me Finish."

According to excerpts of the book reported on by [Axios](#) and [The Guardian](#), Christie claims that the younger Kushner was behind his departure from Trump's inner circle after the 2016 election, writing that he was "still apparently seething over events that had occurred a decade ago."

[Christie torches Kushner in new memoir](#)

In an interview with PBS's Margaret Hoover on "Firing Line" released Tuesday, Christie unloads on the senior Kushner for the crimes that he prosecuted him for.

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Lessons In Gold

Hannah Kearney has been in love with mountains ever since she first strapped on a pair of skis as a young girl, but her gold medal journey almost never happened.

"Would you separate your experience -- if your father had been put in jail -- from the prosecutor who put him in jail?" Hoover asked.

"If my father is guilty, I would. Mr. Kushner pled guilty. He admitted the crimes," Christie said. "And so what am I supposed to do as a prosecutor? I mean If a guy hires a prostitute to seduce his brother-in-law, and videotapes it, and then sends the videotape to his sister to attempt to intimidate her from testifying before a grand jury, do I really need any more justification than that?"

"I mean it's one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes that I prosecuted when I was US attorney. And I was a US attorney in New Jersey, Margaret, so we had some loathsome and disgusting crime going on there."

[Christie: Trump has 'found himself saddled with riffraff'](#)

Christie was referring to an elaborate revenge plot that the older Kushner hatched in 2003 in order to target his his brother-in-law, William Schulder, a former employee turned witness for federal prosecutors in their case

against Kushner, who was under investigation at the time for making illegal campaign contributions.

As a part of the plot, Kushner hired a prostitute to lure Schulder into having sex in a Bridgewater, New Jersey, motel room as a hidden camera rolled. A tape of the encounter was then sent to Kushner's sister and Schulder's wife, Esther.

Ultimately, the intimidation stunt failed. The Schulders brought the video to prosecutors, who tracked down the call girl and threatened her with arrest. She promptly turned on Kushner.

In a plea deal negotiated by Christie, Kushner pleaded guilty to 16 counts of tax evasion, one count of retaliating against a federal witness -- his brother-in-law -- and another count of lying to the Federal Election Commission.

CNN's Sophie Tatum and Gregory Krieg contributed to this report.

Exemployees of the President's golf clubs are asking for an investigation into Trump Organization hiring practices -- and protection from deportation

Undocumented housekeeper describes working for Trump

Washington Post: Trump golf course fires undocumented employees during shutdown

Attorney for two alleged Trump National Golf Club undocumented workers calls for investigation

NYT: Trump's Bedminster club hired undocumented immigrants

Trump's history of hiring undocumented workers

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Michael Bloomberg: Medicare-for-all 'would bankrupt us for a very long time'

Schultz defends criticism of Medicare-for-all proposal

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Abrams to give State of the Union response

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US intelligence chiefs reveal gulf with Trump on North Korea, Iran and ISIS

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[Roger Stone does not rule out cooperating with Mueller](#)

Washington (CNN) Roger Stone said Sunday he would tell the truth about his communications with President Donald Trump and did not shut the door on the ... [CNN](#)

Trump advisers lied over and over again, Mueller says. The question is, why?

They lied to the public for months before Donald Trump was elected — and then repeatedly after he took office. They lied to Congress as lawmakers sought to ... The Washington Post

After indictment, Roger Stone mocks Mueller with doctored photo on Instagram

WASHINGTON – A day after being indicted, Roger Stone used his Instagram account to mock special counsel Robert Mueller and dub the charges against him a ... USA TODAY

Mueller's Real Target in the Roger Stone Indictment

The former Trump associate told ABC he would testify honestly about any wrongdoing that may have occurred

Corsi willing to 'affirm' that information about him in Stone indictment is accurate

Steve Martin mocks Roger Stone on 'SNL'

Opinion: Reality bites Trump

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History may reveal Friday as a turning point in Trump's presidency, with multiple strands of his political life converging to damage his authority

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Analysis: Trump lost the shutdown. The numbers show it.

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Picture of Stone's nixonian Victory Sign Upon News of his Indictment



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[Kendis Gibson What does Trump do with his time? Reports say: Not much.](#) According to a leak of President Trump's schedule obtained by Axios, Trump spends the majority of his days in “executive time” — hours filled with unplanned meetings, TV watching and tweeting.

Trump's fact-checker: In a week, 'the number of false claims is usually lower when he talks less.'

Morning Joe Why Trump didn't want a US translator when talking to Putin

While the White House admits Donald Trump informally met with Vladimir Putin at the G20 summit in Buenos Aires in November, a new report alleges the conversation included no U.S. personnel.

Deadline White House

Trump & his advisors lied over 100 times about Russian contacts... but why? [Duh]

New Washington Post and NYT reports state that the Trump campaign lied dozens of times about contacts with Russians before the inauguration.

All In Is Trump moving toward war in Venezuela? The president's hawkish advisers are going out of their way to stress that "all options are on the table." [Well, trump's always been a hitler fan (he often listened to hitler orations as per Ivana to author O'Donnell...'Trumped!: The Inside Story of the Real Donald Trump-His Cunning Rise and Spectacular Fall' Hardcover - May 1, 1991 by John R. O'Donnell)]

INF TREATY WITHDRAWAL

Analysis: U.S. ending nuclear treaty with Russia will cost billions

President Trump on Friday said the U.S. is suspending its involvement in the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and would start the process of withdrawing entirely in six months. NBC News' Andrea Mitchell reports on why this will cost the global economy billions.

Ali Velshi CBO report: Partial shutdown cost U.S. estimated \$11 billion

MTP Daily Cohen agrees to testify in closed hearing before House Intel Committee

David Gura Rocah on Cohen: Trump is trying to tamper with the witness here

AM Joy Roger Stone allegedly made 'mob tactic' threats targeting witness Randy Credico's dog

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Trump announces short-term deal to end shutdown, no wall money

President Trump announces that a deal has been reached to end the shutdown and reopen the federal government with a short-term funding bill until Feb. 15.

Rachel Maddow

Trump ends shutdown with nothing to show for damage wrought

Ex-Trump & Roger Stone aide: Collusion now looking like Watergate

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“Good news for George Herbert Walker Bush: As of today, he is no longer the biggest wimp ever to serve as president of the United States.” — *Ann Coulter, the outspoken conservative commentator, in a tweet*

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Ann Coulter Admits To Bill Maher: ‘OK, I’m Very Stupid Girl’ About Trump **By Lee Moran**

“Real Time” Bill Maher host asked Coulter when she first realized Trump was “a lying conman.”

CONSERVATIVE CALL-OUT: TRUMP ‘PATHETIC’

‘SEVERAL THOUSAND’ MORE TROOPS TO DEPLOY TO BORDER **New Batch Of Troops Could Raise The Total To More Than 4,300** **By Amy Russo**

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Nancy Pelosi Knocks Trump: 'What Does Putin Have On The President?'

William Barr Indicates Concerns Over Trump's Privacy Could Shield Mueller Report [Coverup begins that's what barr does ... his entire career]

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Government Shutdown Accomplished Nothing, Other Than Hurting People
By Arthur Delaney

Michael Bloomberg Roasts Trump As 'Pretend CEO,' Likens Presidency To Horror Film

12 Undocumented Immigrant Workers At Trump Golf Course Fired, Lawyer Says

WASHPOST

Trump blasts U.S. spy chiefs, disputes assessments on Iran and other threats

The president pushed back against congressional testimony by intelligence officials, tweeting, "Perhaps Intelligence should go back to school!" [Wow! ... or woe As Kelly described trump et als; viz., CRAZY TOWN trump's incompetence/unfitness for office is now beyond the pale, beyond any doubt pathetic!.....what an embarrassment!]

- **By [John Wagner](#) and [Shane Harris](#)**

[WorldViews: Intelligence chiefs are essentially telling U.S. allies that Trump is wrong](#)

[U.S. to pull out of nuclear arms control treaty with Russia](#)

The demise of the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty — on the grounds that Russian violations render it moot — raises fears of a new nuclear arms race, although U.S. officials discount the risk. By [Anne Gearan](#), [Carol Morello](#) and [Paul Sonne](#)

[Mueller investigation is ‘close to being completed,’ acting attorney general says](#)

When President Trump stood alone in a bitter-cold White House Rose Garden to announce that the government was reopening with no money for a border wall, he punctuated five weeks of miscalculation and mismanagement by him and his administration. By [Philip Rucker](#), [Josh Dawsey](#) and [Seung Min Kim](#)

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Trump lost. Period. By Jennifer Rubin

Trump advisers lied over and over again, Mueller says. The question is, why?

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Trump Calls His Intelligence People ‘Naive’

- **On Twitter, President Trump pushed back against his intelligence chiefs’ assessments and trumpeted his accomplishments on critical national security matters.**
- **Mr. Trump said there was a “decent chance of denuclearization” in North Korea and argued that the Islamic State “will soon be destroyed.”**

Republicans Increasingly Split With Trump on Foreign Policy

Mitch McConnell, the majority leader, effectively rebuked Mr. Trump’s decision to withdraw troops from Syria and Afghanistan, our reporter writes in an analysis.

Steven Mnuchin, the Treasury secretary, drew claims of conflict of interest after a sanctions-lifting agreement.

In the Pale of Winter, Trump’s Tan Remains a State Secret The White House insisted that only “good genes” (the adolph as in hitler factor riiiiight) and a clear powder were behind President Trump’s glow, but mysteries about his grooming routine abound. Feb. 2

Trump Calls Border Talks a ‘Waste of Time’ and Dismisses Investigations

- **President Trump said in an interview with The Times that he would most likely proceed on a border wall without lawmakers when talks end in two weeks.**
- **He also dismissed any suggestions of wrongdoing in the investigations that have ensnared his associates.**

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The Demise of the White House Press Briefing Under Trump

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America Pushes Allies to Fight Huawei in New Arms Race With China

- **The United States has embarked on a stealthy global campaign to prevent Chinese firms from building next-generation computer and phone networks.**
- **The administration fears the possibility of Chinese cyberintrusions as the world transitions to revolutionary 5G networks.**

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Congress Passes Bill to End Shutdown; Trump Expected to Sign Next

- **The plan will fund the government until Feb. 15 while Republicans and Democrats negotiate over border security.**
- **It includes none of the money for the border wall that President Trump had demanded, but he insisted, "This was in no way a concession."**

For a President Consumed With Winning, a Stinging Defeat

President Trump learned the hard way about the political danger of shutdowns, our chief White House correspondent writes in an analysis.

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Trump's imaginary friends: Are Democrats for a wall any more real than Jim in Paris?

By **Eli Stokols** and **Jennifer Haberkorn**

U.S. announces withdrawal from major nuclear arms treaty with Russia
The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty has been a centerpiece of superpower arms control since the Cold War.

Insured losses from California wildfires top \$11 billion as claims keep rolling in

Congress approves bill to temporarily reopen government without any border wall money

- **'Chaos president': Shutdown and indictments test the limits of Trump's appeal as a disruptor**
- **Opinion: Workers ended the shutdown. Let's give them the power to do it even sooner next time**

Trump signs bill to temporarily end government shutdown without any border wall money

'Hopefully now the president has learned his lesson,' said Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer.

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President Trump signals his support for state bills that would allow public schools to teach courses in the Bible, which he once proclaimed was his favorite book. [Come on!Someone quiz him on his 'favorite book'

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Unsecured creditors are objecting to Lampert's \$5.2 billion deal to buy Sears out of bankruptcy, the only deal that would stave off liquidation. They have accused Lampert of everything from "stealing assets" to "years of misconduct" that read like a "Shakesperean tragedy." _

Business Bloomberg [Asia Stocks Having a 'Bear-Market Bounce,'JPMorgan Asset Says](#) While Jasslyn Yeo, global market strategist at the money manager, sees the potential for more gains in the first half of the year, investors will need to reassess their positions for the second half. Slowing economic growth globally is clouding the outlook for stocks even as a potential trade deal between the U.S. and China will help risk-on sentiment, according to Yeo. With a 6.8 percent rally in January, the MSCI Asia Pacific Index had its best start to a year since 2012.

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Trump branded 'extraordinarily inappropriate' amid widespread astonishment at president's attack on intelligence chiefs

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Trump says his intelligence officials should 'go back to school' in tweet

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Trump attacks Fox News reporters and mistakenly names random teenage girl on Twitter

Donald Trump has launched a furious attack on two Fox News reporters over their coverage of his border wall negotiations, and accidentally involved a random teenage girl in the ensuing furore. In a tweet, the US president criticised chief White House correspondent John Roberts

The billionaire and potential Democratic presidential candidate says the Trump administration is beyond salvation and is "dangerous" for the country.

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MARKETWATCH: Bull Trap [aka bull crap market-beware]

Note the common and concurrent elements of the previous two big market tops (2000, 2007) versus now:

- **New market highs tagging the upper monthly Bollinger band on a monthly negative RSI (relative strength index) divergence — check.**
- **A steep correction off the highs that breaks a multi-year trend line — check.**
- **A turning of the monthly MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence) toward south and the histogram to negative — check.**
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- **A counter rally that moves all the way from the lower Bollinger band to the middle Bollinger band, the 20MA — check.**
- **A counter rally that produces a bump in the RSI around the middle zone, alleviating oversold conditions — check.**
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Roger Stone, a longtime ally of U.S. President Donald Trump, allegedly called an associate "a rat," threatened his dog and invoked "The Godfather" Mafia movies in a bid to stop him from testifying in an investigation run by U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office, according to court papers unsealed on Friday. Rough Cut (no reporter narration).

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The growing number of lies that members of President Trump's team have admitted to or been accused of telling investigators leads to one big question: Why? [The Washington Post](#)

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President Donald Trump admitted he had not read an intelligence report when speaking to the press on Thursday. But that did not stop him criticizing how the ...

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Sen. Mitch McConnell will flex his foreign policy muscles Thursday and challenge President Donald Trump's decision to bug out of Syria and cut the 14000 US ... [New York Post](#)

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Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) said Thursday it was "ludicrous" for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) to call taking troops out of Syria and Afghanistan ... [The Hill](#)

[Senate rebukes Trump's plan to withdraw U.S. forces from Syria, Afghanistan](#)

The vast majority of Senate Republicans backed Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Thursday in a rebuke of President Trump's rationale for withdrawing U.S. ... [The Washington Post](#)

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Trump chastises intel chiefs after they contradict him on Iran and claims of foreign policy success

Washington (CNN) President Donald Trump chastised his own intelligence officials Wednesday morning for being soft on Iran a day after they contradicted ... [CNN](#) {We are now so far into the realm of trump crazy that it is difficult to even imagine a path out ... it's really that bad/serious!}

Trump blasts U.S. intelligence officials, disputes assessments on Iran and other global threats

President Trump lashed out at U.S. intelligence officials Wednesday, calling them “extremely passive and naive” about the “dangers of Iran” and pushing back ... [The Washington Post](#)

On North Korea and Iran, Intelligence Chiefs Contradict Trump

WASHINGTON — A new American intelligence assessment of global threats has concluded that North Korea is unlikely to give up its nuclear stockpiles and that ... [The New York Times](#)

The intelligence chiefs' report strikes a blow for truth in the Age of Trump The president may dismiss what the intelligence agencies are saying, but maybe voters won't. [The Washington Post](#)

What Keeps the Spies Up at Night trump not entirely wrong about dangers u.s. faces. [The NY Times](#)

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Ann Coulter says she made a mistake on Trump: 'I'm a very stupid girl' Conservative commentator Ann Coulter lashed out at President Donald Trump Friday, on Bill Maher's show, for signing a bill to end the government shutdown. **Business Insider**

Louisiana shootings leave 5 people dead [Sick nation america.] Five people are dead following a string of shootings in Louisiana, law enforcement officials said. **Manhunt on for 21-year-old suspect in Saturday morning killing spree**

Sarah Sanders: God 'wanted Donald Trump to become president' White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said she believes God wanted President Donald Trump to win the 2016 election, the Christian Broadcasting ... **CNN** { Wow! Yeah, to punish americans particularly and the world generally and, to illustrate how sick and pathetic satan et als are ... It's truly incredible that such as sanders are throwing such bulls**t out there for public consumption even more pathetic is the reality that trump loyalists lap this stuff up and regurgitate it ... america's never seen worse than this trump scenario}

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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) in remarks Wednesday on the Senate floor called House Democrats' proposed legislation to clean up voting ... **HuffPost**

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CNN THE NUMBERS SHOW TRUMP LOST THE SHUTDOWN

(CNN)First things first: '...

Poll of the week: An [ABC News/Washington Post](#) poll finds that only 37% of Americans approve of the job President Donald Trump is doing. A significantly higher 58% disapprove. This makes for a net approval rating of -21 points.

The previous ABC/Washington Post poll put Trump's net approval rating at -13 points, so his net approval rating fell by 8 points.

What's the point: Make no mistake: Trump lost the shutdown fight. The ABC News/Washington Post poll is merely the latest to show that Trump's approval rating was plummeting. In average of all recent polls, Trump's net approval rating had dropped 6 points compared to before the shutdown '

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He's not even a self-made millionaire. But millions of Americans still think he is. And it affects their willingness to vote for him:

Who is Donald Trump? Ask Americans and many of them will describe a self-made billionaire, a business tycoon of unfathomable success. In research recently published in *Political Behavior*, we found that voters are not simply uninformed about President Trump's biographical background, but misinformed—and that misinformation has serious political consequences.

Large swaths of the public believe the Trump myth. Across three surveys of eligible voters from 2016 to 2018, we found that as many as half of all Americans do not know that he was born into a very wealthy family. And while Americans are divided along party lines in their assessment of Trump's performance as president, misperceptions regarding his financial background are found among Democrats and Republicans.

Incomprehensible as it might be to political news junkies, nearly half of Americans, both Republicans and Democrats, don't know that Donald Trump was born into a very wealthy family. They believe the myth that Trump has pushed, that's he's a self-made man.

The truth is that his father, Fred Trump, who made his fortune as a real estate developer, set up his son Donald for success in the same business. Donald inherited \$413 million in today's dollars from his father. His father co-signed his business loans. Donald was a millionaire before he got out of diapers. And his father kept bailing him out with more millions each time one of his poorly conceived business ventures failed.

So what, you say?

Using a 2017 University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll, we found that believing Trump was not born "very wealthy" leads to at

least a 5-percentage-point boost in the president's job approval, even after considering the many factors that can influence public approval ratings. This shift is rooted in the belief that his humble roots make Trump both more empathetic (he "feels my pain"), and more skilled at business (he is self-made and couldn't have climbed to such heights without real business know-how).

And what happens when people who thought Trump was a self-made man learn the truth? Their views become less positive toward him:

For Democrats, who already see Trump as lacking empathy, this information makes them think of him as even less empathetic. But among Republicans, the information is even more damning, reducing perceptions of empathy by more than 10 percentage points...

On perceptions of business acumen, which are higher across both parties, the information regarding Fred Trump's role in his son's business success is equally important. Democrats reduce their perceptions of Trump as a good businessman by 6 points, while Republican perceptions decline by 9 points.

So here's something to keep in mind when dealing with a Trump supporter. Make sure they know he was born rich and that whatever wealth he has now wasn't the result of his "great deal making" or any kind of super business acumen on his part. He was given all the advantages in the world by his very wealthy father and fed money by him over and over again each time his business ventures failed.

Maybe all those handouts from his father spoiled any native business skill young Donald might have had until he'd burned all his bridges and couldn't borrow money from anyone anymore... and he had to turn to the Russians as the only ones still willing to keep giving him money.

He's not a self-made man who did good for himself. He's a Richie Rich who had everything given to him on a silver platter, and he still made bad.

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Ex-Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz announces interest in presidential run, gets roasted like a bean

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Kansas GOP looks to clear the field for Trump, considers canceling 2020 caucus

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Democratic presidential candidates put Puerto Rico back in the media spotlight

Mick Mulvaney says Trump is willing to shut down the government again in three weeks

How I feel as a descendant of white immigrants.

Notes from my corner of the government shutdown — and a prediction

Tom Brokaw's racism does not get a pass and Chuck Todd deserves serious condemnation as well.

More and more Americans believe in climate change. When will lawmakers catch up?

Real talk: Even if we beat Trump in 2020, we can't do very much without a Democratic U.S. Senate. Chip in \$1 now to the Democratic nominee in every key 2020 Senate race.

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Denver Public Schools sends letter threatening to deport striking teachers

New Trump appointee is an Iran-Contra convict who tried to cover up massacre of 1,000 civilians

Arizona professor sues state after being denied health care coverage because of his gender identity

This week is the two-year anniversary of Trump's Muslim ban and attacks on Muslims continue. Please chip in \$5 to help repeal the ban.

Forced-birthers lose a round in Iowa as state judge strikes down 'fetal heartbeat' abortion ban

4 arrested and charged with building explosives in plan to terrorize Muslim community in New York

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Florida is restoring voting rights to former felons. But high court fees mean many can't afford it

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Race will play a central role in the 2020 elections. So why can't CBS find black reporters?

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School superintendent charged with 3 felonies for using own insurance to help sick student

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What kind of Christian was the Rev. Martin Luther King Junior?

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"If this trend continues, it would indicate a serious corruption problem in a country that has taken a lead on the issue globally. This is a bipartisan issue that requires a bipartisan solution."

Transparency International said five of the nine sources used to compile the score for the US showed a noteworthy drop in score while the others showed no improvement.

It said since 2012, only 20 countries have significantly improved their scores, including Côte D'Ivoire, and 16 have significantly declined, including, Australia, Chile and Malta.

Transparency International said cross analysis with global democracy data had revealed a link between corruption and the health of democracies.

It said in 2016, the US was downgraded from a full to a flawed democracy in the Democracy Index and in 2018, the US received its lowest Freedom in the World Index score for political rights since 1972, when measurement began.

“Corruption chips away at democracy to produce a vicious cycle, where corruption undermines democratic institutions, and in turn, weak institutions are less able to control corruption,” said Patricia Moreira, Managing Director of Transparency International.

“Around the world, we need to do more to strengthen checks and balances and protect citizens’ rights, and the US is no exception.”

A survey published by Transparency International in 2017 showed that nearly six in ten Americans believed the US was more corrupt than the previous year, with the White House considered the most corrupt institution in the US.

“The expert opinion captured by the CPI supports the deep concern over corruption in government reported by Americans in our 2017 survey,” said Reiter.

“Both experts and the public believe the situation is getting worse.

U.S. DROPS OUT OF TOP 20 PERFORMERS IN GLOBAL CORRUPTION INDEX, WATCHDOG SAYS [U.S. MORE CORRUPT By Andrea Shalal [Reuters](#)•January 28, 2019

**The U.S. flag flies near the Statue of Freedom atop the U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S. November 2, 2018. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst
By Andrea Shalal**

BERLIN (Reuters) - The United States slid four points lower on a global corruption index in 2018, dropping out of the top 20 countries for the first

time since 2011, watchdog Transparency International said in a report that cited growing threats to democracy worldwide.

The group said its latest report on business leaders' perceptions of corruption put the United States at 71, down from 75, on a scale of 0-100.

That sounds a "wake-up call" about the need to tackle conflicts of interest, undue influence of the private sector and widening gaps between rich and poor, said Zoe Reiter, the watchdog's acting representative to the United States.

"This is a red flag because it's really part of a pattern that we've seen since the 2008 global financial crisis of a loss of trust ... in our public institutions," she told Reuters. "People don't see us as having adequate mechanisms in place to fight corruption and ensure the accountability of our elected officials."

GRAPHIC: Corruption Perceptions Index - <https://tmsnrt.rs/2HCFkgJ>

Concerns were already mounting before the election of Donald Trump, although they have been highlighted by the actions of a rich president who defied precedent to keep his personal tax affairs secret and retain his business holdings in office.

"Concerns around the Trump administration are quite serious, but this has been stewing for several years," she said. "Conflict of interest wasn't a new problem, but it was illuminated in its glory when you have someone who is basically breaking norms."

"Trump is a symptom not a cause. His presidency is illuminating some of the problems."

Denmark and New Zealand had the best scores on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) again in 2018, scoring 88 and 87, while Somalia, Syria and South Sudan remained at the bottom, with scores of 10, 13 and 13, TI said.

Overall, more than two-thirds of countries scored below 50 on the 2018 index, and the average was 43, said TI, which has more than 100 chapters worldwide.

The group said only 20 countries had significantly improved their scores since 2012, including Argentina and Ivory Coast. Sixteen others, including Australia, Chile and Malta, declined significantly in the same period.

The average score for EU and western European countries held steady at 66, while sub-Saharan Africa scored just 32, TI said. A score of 100 is considered "very clean", while a score of zero is highly corrupt.

TI said its analysis showed a clear link between having a healthy democracy and fighting public sector corruption, and cited declining scores for Turkey and Hungary, in connection with challenges to the rule of law and press freedoms.

Hungary's score dropped by eight points to 46 over the past five years, amid troubling developments including the forced departure of the Open Society Foundation and Central European University, founded by philanthropist George Soros, TI said.

Turkey's score dropped by nine points in the same period to a score of 41, as the country was downgraded to 'not free' on a democracy ranking, TI said.

"Corruption is much more likely to flourish where democratic foundations are weak and ... where undemocratic and populist politicians can use it to their advantage," said Delia Ferreira Rubio, who chairs the global civil society group.

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Here Are The Wildest Moments From Trump's Super Bowl Pregame Interview

The president sat down with CBS' "Face The Nation" to discuss the border wall and other topics.

By Hayley Miller

President Donald Trump sat down for a wide-ranging interview with CBS set to air ahead of the Super Bowl on Sunday, and there's a lot to unpack from the exchange.

Trump, who opted against giving a pregame interview last year, made several eyebrow-raising remarks during his interview with host Margaret Brennan, touching on topics including his plan to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria and whether he would let his 12-year-old son play football.

Here are some of Trump's most noteworthy comments:

On another government shutdown: We'll 'see what happens'

Trump refused to say he wouldn't allow another partial government shutdown if Congress doesn't agree to carve out \$5.7 billion in a spending bill to fund his long-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We're going to have to see what happens on Feb. 15th," the president said, the date when temporary funding for various agencies expires. "I don't take anything off the table. I don't like to take things off the table."

After a 35-day partial shutdown – the longest such closure in U.S. history – Trump agreed on Jan. 25 to reopen the government for three weeks while Congress negotiated border security. He has threatened to shut down the government again or declare a national emergency to secure funds for his border wall if the talks fail. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have slammed Trump's threat to declare a national emergency to achieve his wall.

"You know there have been plenty of national emergencies called," Trump told CBS. "And this really is an invasion of our country by human traffickers. ... The only way you have a strong border is you need a physical barrier. You need a wall. And anybody that says you don't, they're just playing games."

Pelosi is 'very bad for our country'

Trump bashed House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) over her refusal to cave to his demand for border wall money, despite his repeated vows that Mexico would pay to build it.

Asked what he learned about negotiating with her, Trump told CBS that she was "very rigid."

"I think she is very bad for our country," he said. "She knows that you need a barrier. She knows that we need border security. She wanted to win a political point."

Brennan reminded Trump that Pelosi had offered \$1 billion toward border security. He responded, without citing evidence, that Pelosi's stance on the wall was costing the country billions of dollars and blamed "people like" her for "people dying all over the country."

The 26 wildest lines from Donald Trump's Daily Caller interview

Analysis by CNN Editor-at-large

Updated 4:05 PM ET, Thu January 31, 2019

(CNN)On Wednesday afternoon, Donald Trump sat down in the Oval Office for an interview with the conservative website the Daily Caller.

To their great credit, [the Daily Caller released the full transcript of the conversation](#), allowing me to go through it line-by-line -- picking out the most, uh, interesting lines from the President. They're below.

1. "He was a gambler, you know, you don't see too many gamblers that have money."

Trump is referring to Stephen Paddock, the man who murdered 58 people in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017. (*The FBI closed its investigation into the shooting earlier this week without offering a conclusion on Paddock's motivation.*) Paddock was both a gambler and wealthy, Trump says. And away we go!

2. "You know, I've stayed out of that whole situation so that -- because there was no collusion whatsoever."

What "situation" is Trump referring to here? The question he was asked by the Daily Caller was whether he felt comfortable with the manner in which his one-time adviser [Roger Stone was arrested last week](#). Does Trump mean he has stayed out of commenting on that arrest? Stayed away from Roger Stone? Stayed out of the Russia investigation? He has, of course, not stayed out of anything with the possible exception of not offering a stream of commentary on Stone's arrest. One thing worth mentioning here, too: NO COLLUSION.

3. "I'm speaking for a lot of people that were very disappointed to see that go down that way, to see it happen where it was on camera, on top of it. That was a very, very disappointing scene."

On the Stone arrest question, "disappointing" is an odd word choice here. To be clear: The [indictment that led to Stone's arrest](#) alleged that he had repeatedly lied to Congress about his contacts with WikiLeaks over emails stolen from Democrats by Russians -- and that he had urged other witnesses to lie to Congress about what they knew of the situation too.

4. "You have 29 people and you have armored vehicles and you had all of the other and, you know, many people know Roger, and Roger is not a person that they would have to worry about from that standpoint. I thought it was sad to see it."

What's remarkable about this -- and the fact that Trump in the next sentence says he would consider asking the FBI to look into its use of force in the Stone arrest -- is that the President has repeatedly urged law enforcement to be tougher in its dealings with criminals. "When you see these thugs thrown into the back of a paddy wagon. You see them thrown in, rough. I said, 'Please don't be too nice,'" [Trump said in a speech to police officers in 2017](#).

5. "I guess they're well over 30 million dollars now on this Russian collusion hoax, and everybody knows it's a hoax. They've spent all this money. Nothing. No phone calls, no meetings, no nothing."

Trump's not that far off-base on the price tag -- \$25 million has been spent on special counsel Robert Mueller's probe since it began in May 2017, [according to the most recent filings](#). Where he REALLY misses the fact boat is in claiming that the Mueller probe has produced zero tangible results. To date, the investigation has produced 199 criminal counts against 37 people and entities. Seven people have pleaded guilty and four have been sentenced to prison. One -- Paul Manafort -- has been convicted by a jury of his peers. [That's not nothing](#).

6. "You look at it, and you say, isn't that sad to have devoted this time, this energy over a -- you know, look, there's been numerous books written right now, including number one best sellers, calling it a 'hoax.'"

Trump's referring to "[The Russia Hoax: The Illicit Scheme to Clear Hillary Clinton and Frame Donald Trump](#)" by Gregg Jarrett. Jarrett is a Fox News personality. Draw your own conclusions.

7. "I would say that I think after almost two years it certainly should be."

Trump is saying here that the Mueller probe has gone on too long already. By way of context, the [special counsel investigations into Iran-Contra and Whitewater lasted more than six years each](#).

8. "Process crimes or process, you know, questions, the answer is different than what you thought it might be and some people say they lost their memory or a lack of memory, which a lot of people can understand that too."

Trump is right that, to date, all of the crimes related to the 2016 campaign that Mueller has found have been people lying to Congress or federal investigators about who knew what when about contacts between the campaign and Russia. But here's the thing: 1) The investigation isn't over yet and 2) WHY WHY WHY are all these people in Trump's orbit willing to lie to federal authorities about their contacts with the Russians?

9. "I could've taken a much different stance, I could've gotten involved in this, I could've terminated everything. I could've ended everything. I've chosen to stay out of it."

Two thoughts here. First, [it's not at all clear that Trump could have "terminated" the Mueller probe](#). Second, this past 20 months is what "stay[ing] out of it" looks like for Donald Trump, eh?

10. "I ran a great campaign. I ran a campaign that now they say was better than that gentleman's [Andrew Jackson's] campaign in the 1800s and we did a great job."

They say that, do they? (For more on Andrew Jackson's campaigns, read [this!](#))

11. "And we got 306 to 223 and that's that. Won states that nobody thought were possible to win. Remember the expression, 'he cannot get to 270.' And we got way beyond 270."

The 2016 election ended 814 days ago. Also, this is an answer to a question about whether Trump favors making the Mueller report public. Good times.

12. "Paul told me in the strongest of terms that, 'please sign this and if you sign this we will get you that wall.'"

Trump, in case you haven't noticed, is very, very good at scapegoating. In this case, he's blaming former House Speaker Paul Ryan for lying to him about wall funding in order to secure his signature on an omnibus spending bill.

13. "And then he went lame duck. And once he went lame duck it was just really an exercise in waving to people and the power was gone, so I was very disappointed."

Rather than saying "retired," I propose we say "went lame duck" in the future. As in: "Hey, did Cillizza leave CNN? No, he went lame duck. He and his wife are living up in the Catskills now."

14. "I don't want to say he lied. I think he probably meant it at the time, I guess. I hope. So I don't call that lying."

"It's not a lie if you believe it." -- [George Costanza](#)

15. "You know, I made many statements, many promises."

Fact Check: True!

16. "I'm going to be announcing the exact numbers but I'll have over a hundred miles of wall either built or under construction between new and renovated."

Not true. As [PBS' Yamiche Alcindor noted on Twitter](#): "*President Trump keeps saying, 'The wall is getting built.' Fact check: This is false. No construction has begun on the wall President Trump promised. The President said he would be going to a 'ground-breaking' for the wall around the time of SOTU and that hasn't happened.*"

17. "We have a tremendous amount of money right now to build a wall. We're building the wall."

Again, no.

18. "I hope that she's healthy, I hope she's happy, and I hope she lives for a long time."

Trump's response here to a question on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is -- dare I say it -- presidential.

19. "Well, I've been very religious." [Huh.](#)

20. "I've been told, and I don't know that that's true, I would be surprised if it's true, but a lot of people said that list was one of the reasons I won."

This is true. [As I wrote at the time](#), Trump's decision to release a list of judges he would consider for any Supreme Court vacancy was hugely important in rallying conservatives to him.

21. "The world is not doing well and we're going great."

Trump on the global situation: America :) Rest of world :(

22. "Coach Belichick endorsed me, you remember that?"

True! [And in letter form no less!](#)

23. "I was very pleased that he called me to thank me for helping him with Canada and yeah, it looks good."

Donald Trump is pro-NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. So, there's that!

24. "I feel very badly for Louisiana because that was maybe the worst call I've ever seen but I guess there's nothing they can do about that. And you might say it, I feel badly for Louisiana."

First off, [it WAS a terrible call](#). Second, might I say it?

25. "It looks like Elizabeth Warren has not caught on like they thought she would. She fell into a trap. It's called the Pocahontas trap."

"The Pocahontas Trap?" Is that a Disney flick?

26. "The truth is there are some I'd love to run against." Donald Trump on 2020 Democrats: "Some I'd love to run against." This feels like the right place to stop.

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(CNN)In retrospect, President Donald Trump's interview with CBS News' Margaret Brennan was the most entertaining part of the Super Bowl.

Trump was his usual self -- making a series of fact-challenged (and fact-free) claims, musing on his own greatness and playing the role he was born to play: Being Donald Trump.

CBS released the full transcript of Trump's interview -- and I went through it. Below, the most noteworthy of lines.

1. "Well, I don't -- I don't take anything off the table. I don't like to take things off the table."

Trump is referring here to his refusal to rule out another government shutdown if no deal on wall funding is reached by February 15. (Which it almost certainly won't be.) But Trump's

statement also kind of doubles for his life mantra -- everything is on the table, always. And away we go!

2. "And this really is an invasion of our country by human traffickers."

Ask yourself this: If Trump really views the stream of undocumented immigrants into the country as "an invasion" and a national emergency along the lines of a major natural disaster, then why would he give Congress three weeks to figure out some solution? If we are truly being "invaded," shouldn't we be acting now out of fear for our lives? So why hasn't Trump acted yet? [whispers] Because this isn't an actual national emergency.

3. "You need a wall. And anybody that says you don't, they're just playing games."

If Trump sticks to this view, then there will be no deal in Congress on keeping the government open. Which means Trump is likely to declare a national emergency. It's just not that complicated.

4. "I think [Pelosi] is very bad for our country."

Trump has never been big on subtlety.

5. "And on the 15th we have now set the table beautifully because everybody knows what's going on because of this shutdown."

A few things here. One, Trump is saying that everything is set up "beautifully" for when the government closes again, which is a sort of a weird word choice. Two, it sure as heck seems as though he expects no deal and to make some sort of, uh, declaration on February 15.

6. "When I took over Syria it was infested with ISIS. It was all over the place. And now you have very little ISIS and you have the caliphate almost knocked out."

"ISIS is intent on resurging and still commands thousands of fighters in Iraq and Syria," -- Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, 1/30/19.

7. "What -- you're-- you're going to have people, like the one-armed man who blew up a restaurant. You are going to have pockets."

I think Trump is talking about this bombing in Kabul in mid-January. And while the transcript says "one-armed man," I have to believe Trump meant "one armed man." Punctuation matters, people!

8. "We've been there for 19 years, almost, we are fighting very well. We're fighting harder than ever before."

How is Trump quantifying his claim that US troops in Afghanistan are "fighting harder than ever before?" Answer: He's not.

9. "We have very fast airplanes. We have very good cargo planes."

This is the President of the United States' answer when asked what would happen if ISIS surged in areas where he is pulling out troops. "Very fast airplanes."

10. "We have to protect Israel. We have to protect other things that we have."

So, Israel is one of the "things that we have," or.....?

11. "When President Obama pulled out of Iraq, in theory, we had Iraq. In other words, we had Iraq. We never had Syria because President Obama never wanted to violate the red line in the sand."

In theory, we had Iraq. Put another way: We had Iraq. To put a finer point on it: We had Iraq.

12. "Being in Iraq -- it was a big mistake to go -- one of the greatest mistakes going into the Middle East that our country has ever made."

"Yeah, I guess so." -- Donald Trump, when asked by Howard Stern whether he supported US troops going into Iraq (9/12/02)

13. "I want to be looking a little bit at Iran because Iran is a real problem."

"We do not believe Iran is currently undertaking the key activities we judge necessary to produce a nuclear device." -- Dan Coats, 1/30/19

14. "My intelligence people, if they said in fact that Iran is a wonderful kindergarten, I disagree with them a hundred percent."

[narrator voice] They said no such thing. The intelligence community has simply said they believe Iran to be in compliance with the nuclear deal that Trump pulled out of in May 2018.

15. "I disagree with them."

It's OK for Trump to disagree with intelligence officials about Iran. But what is he basing his conclusions on? Because they are basing theirs on actual intelligence.

16. "They said they were mischaracterized -- maybe they were, maybe they weren't."

[narrator voice] They weren't.

17. "So when my intelligence people tell me how wonderful Iran is -- if you don't mind, I'm going to just go by my own counsel."

To be clear: Trump is acknowledging here that he doesn't trust what the intelligence community tells him about Iran because his gut tells him something different.

18. "It's OK. It's easier to make moves when they're acting."

I'm not entirely clear on what Trump means here. Does he mean it's easier to replace acting Cabinet secretaries if he wants? Or that acting Cabinet officials may have less to lose and so are willing to push the policy envelope more?

19. "Really, I like acting because I can move so quickly."

Not to belabor the point but: Is Trump saying he prefers acting Cabinet officials because he can do more of what he wants on policy with less opposition within his administration?

20. "Like with General Mattis, I wasn't happy with his service. I told him give me a letter."

Former Defense Secretary James Mattis said that he resigned out of principle -- due to disagreements with Trump on his vision for the US's role in the world. Trump is saying he fired Mattis because he asked him to resign, aka "I told him give me a letter."

21. "But they haven't been kneeling and they have been respecting the flag and their ratings have been terrific ever since. And a lot of good things happened."

It's not at all clear that ratings for the NFL are tied in any way, shape or form to whether (or not) players protested during the National Anthem.

22. "And I got it done and I've been, you know, really -- a lot of people in the NFL have been calling and thanking me for it."

So. "A lot of the people in the NFL" called Trump to thank him for getting criminal justice reform passed. I mean, maybe? But like a lot of Trump's claims, this one is absolutely impossible to fact check.

23. "And I think if you look at the numbers for African-American unemployment, best numbers they've had -- literally, the best numbers they've had in history. And I think they like me a lot and I like them a lot."

OK, so, Brennan repeatedly asks Trump about claims that he is a racist or that he promotes racist views. This is his answer: How can I be racist if the unemployment numbers for blacks are so good?

24. "And a lot of people, including me, thought soccer would probably never make it in this country, but it really is moving forward rapidly."

Paging @MeninBlazers!!!!

25. "Well, look, the Russia thing is a hoax. I have been tougher on Russia than any president, maybe ever."

First of all, it's very debatable whether Trump has been harder on Russia than any president ever. Second, whether he has or has not been harder on Russia than any other president has NOTHING to do with Russia interfering in the 2016 election. Trump has never seemed to understand the difference.

26. "Excuse me. OK, you ready? OK, you ready? Of the thirty-four people, many of them were bloggers from Moscow -- or they were people that had nothing to do with me."

The following people have pleaded guilty to (or been convicted of) wrongdoing in the Mueller probe: former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, former Trump deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates, former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn, former Trump fixer and personal attorney Michael Cohen. Another Trump loyalist -- Roger Stone -- has been charged. So...

27. "First of all, Roger Stone didn't work on the campaign"

"Donald Trump's campaign said Saturday it has fired top political adviser Roger Stone -- who promptly denied being let go and insisted he had quit." (8/10/15)

28. "Roger is somebody that I've always liked, but a lot of people like Roger. Some people probably don't like Roger, but Roger Stone's somebody I've always liked."

"Roger is a stone-cold loser." -- Donald Trump in 2008

29. "There's been no President that has been tougher on Russia than Donald Trump."

Again, no. And again, even if that were true it would not prove that the Russia investigation is a hoax or a witch hunt.

30. "It's totally up to the attorney general. Totally up to the attorney general."

This is important. Brennan gives Trump the chance to say that, yes, the Mueller report should be released to the public. Trump purposely doesn't go there. Ask yourself this: If Trump is truly totally innocent and all of this is a big, fat nothing-burger, wouldn't it be in his interest to push for the entire Mueller report to be public, so he can be completely exonerated?

31. "Even the Mueller report said it had nothing to do with the campaign."

The Mueller report hasn't come out yet.

32. "There was no collusion. There was no obstruction. There was no nothing."

Not accurate. To reiterate: 199 criminal charges of 39 people and entities. Seven people who have pleaded guilty. Four people who have been sentenced to jail. And, Manafort, who was convicted by a jury.

33. "We've made tremendous progress. If you remember, before I became President, it looked like we were going to war with North Korea. Now we have a very good relationship."

"We currently assess that North Korea will seek to retain its WMD capabilities and is unlikely to completely give up its nuclear weapons and production capability because its leaders ultimately view nuclear weapons as critical to regime survival." -- Dan Coats, 1/30/19

34. "What a location. I'm in the real estate business, what a location."

Donald Trump on North Korea. Yup!

35. "Sir, I hear your helicopters. I'm being told to wrap."

Yes, ok, this is Brennan, not Trump. But, still: I am going to end all future interviews by saying, "I hear your helicopters."

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Trump family not amused by 'Ivanka Vacuuming' exhibit

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[Trump's travel to Mar-a-Lago alone probably cost taxpayers more than \\$64 million](#)

The Government Accountability Office said the average cost of the president's first four trips to his Florida retreat was \$3.4 million each.

- **By [Philip Bump](#)**

State of the Union

In discordant call for unity, Trump pushes on immigration

President also blasts investigations, offers dates for summit with North Korea

President Trump spent a considerable part of his speech warning of the dangers of illegal immigration. “Tolerance for illegal immigration is not compassionate; it is cruel,” he said.

- By **Felicia Sonmez**, **John Wagner** and **Mike DeBonis**
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Trump addresses Congress as potential shutdown looms amid border battle

Trump to meet Kim Jong Un in Vietnam on Feb. 27-28

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Trump’s State of the Union speech, annotated

Read the transcript of the full speech, with highlights and analysis.

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At this State of the Union, Trump shares the energy and optics with Democrats and women

The changes that swept Washington after November’s elections were apparent.

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Stacey Abrams Gives Democratic Response to Trump’s State of the Union Speech

- **Stacey Abrams, who attracted wide attention in her narrow loss for Georgia governor, is delivering the Democratic response to President Trump’s address.**

- [Mr. Trump devoted a significant portion of his speech to making the case for his signature campaign proposal: a wall at the southern border.](#)
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- **8 min agoFact check: Trump can take credit for some of the 'economic boom,' but not all of it**
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- **28 min agoCongress just sang 'Happy Birthday' to a Pittsburgh synagogue shooting survivor**
- **28 min agoTrump on troop withdrawal: 'It is time to give our brave warriors in Syria a warm welcome home'**
- **39 min agoTrump: 'If I had not been elected president of the United States, we would ... be in a major war with North Korea'**
- **40 min agoTrump claims 'countless Americans' were murdered by undocumented immigrants. Here's what the statistics show.**
- **41 min agoTrump says he will ask Congress to pass legislation banning late-term abortions**
- **44 min agoTrump's youngest guest is a 10-year-old cancer survivor**
- **48 min agoTrump makes bipartisan policy pitches: infrastructure and prescription drugs**
- **54 min agoFact check: Trump claims 1 in 3 women assaulted on journey to border**
- **57 min agoWomen lawmakers flip the script and surprise Trump with applause**
- **57 min agoTrump on the wall: 'I will get it built'**
- **1 hr 9 min agoTrump urges Congress to confront 'urgent national crisis' at US southern border**
- **1 hr 17 min agoTrump commuted her sentence. Tonight, Alice Johnson is at his State of the Union.**
- **1 hr 18 min agoTrump slams 'ridiculous partisan investigations'**
- **1 hr 23 min agoFact check: Behind Trump's claim that the US is the planet's No. 1 producer of oil and natural gas**

- **1 hr 25 min agoTrump said the 'state of our union is strong.'**
Pelosi didn't clap.
- **1 hr 36 min agoTrump: 'We must reject the politics of revenge, resistance and retribution'**
- **1 hr 36 min agoTrump thanks astronaut Buzz Aldrin**
- **1 hr 36 min agoTrump appealed for bipartisanship in his State of the Union opening. Nancy Pelosi applauded.**
- **1 hr 49 min agoTrump has arrived on the House floor**
- **1 hr 50 min agoFirst lady Melania Trump takes her seat**
- **1 hr 55 min agoJust four Supreme Court justices are attending tonight's address**
- **1 hr 58 min agoMelania Trump on her State of the Union guests: 'These stories bring all Americans together'**
- **2 hr 2 min agoPence and Pelosi share a bipartisan handshake**
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New 'Teflon Don' from new york? Even drudge is constrained to say so and, given the pervasive level of american corruption, that's probably true! How embarrassing.

Note: Nobody mentions the second trillion borrowed by the government of course things temporarily feel good the whole political point of same but disaster, as night follows day, is just around the corner!

Trump's economy is a train wreck waiting to happen { That is a true statement! } Mark Zandi is chief economist of Moody's Analytics. [CNN](#)

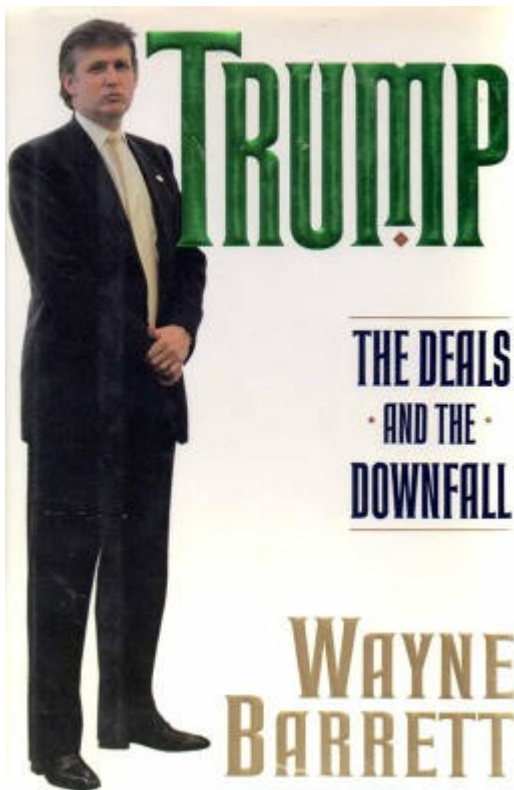
Van Jones: Trump speech was 'psychotically incoherent'

ANN COULTER: 'LUNATIC' TRUMP COULD FACE GOP CHALLENGER

New 'Teflon Don' from new york? Even drudge is constrained to say so and, given the pervasive level of american corruption, that's probably true! How embarrassing.

'.....But Trump told a different story to casino regulators who were deciding whether to grant him the lucrative gambling license.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with these people," he said about Shapiro and Sullivan during licensing hearings in 1982, according to "TrumpNation." "Many of them have been in Atlantic City for many, many years and I think they are well thought of." Sullivan's unsavory reputation did not stop Trump from later arranging for him to be hired as a labor negotiator for the Grand Hyatt, a hotel project on Manhattan's East Side, according to *People* magazine and the [Los Angeles Times](#). Trump also introduced Sullivan to his own banker at Chase, though he declined to guarantee a loan to Sullivan, reported the *L.A. Times*.



...In his investigative biography, [Trump: The Deals and the Downfall](#), reporter Wayne Barrett wrote that Trump's life "intertwines with the underworld," and he outlined the real-estate developer's numerous alleged ties to organized crime, including that Trump:

- Once met Salerno at the Manhattan townhouse of Roy Cohn, the infamous sidekick to Joe McCarthy who represented both men, according to an eyewitness source who talked to Barrett.
- Was very close to Cohn, whom Barrett describes as Trump's "bridge to the mob."
- Had ties to mob associates Shapiro and Sullivan.
- Paid almost double the market price for property in Atlantic City owned by Salvatore Testa, a capo in the Scarfo crime family.
- Evaded New Jersey state laws banning casino owners from making political contributions by channeling donations to Mike Mathews, then-candidate for mayor of Atlantic City, through Shapiro and another mob-tied associate.
- Failed to disclose to state casino regulators that Trump was the target of a bribery probe in 1979 and was questioned in a 1981 racketeering investigation. Neither federal probe led to criminal

charges, noted the Philadelphia Inquirer's David Johnston in a review of the book.

Preferential Treatment For The Donald?

In the book, Barrett also claimed that New Jersey state regulators demonstrated a double standard by granting Trump a casino license while denying licenses to other developers and gambling executives whose conduct was far less troubling than Trump's. In 1985, Hilton Hotels was turned down for a license partly due to the chain's ties to Sidney Korshak, a lawyer with reputed mob connections. But with Trump, the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) never bothered to write a report that raised "the possibility that Cohn's mob liaisons . . . might have been used to facilitate Trump construction projects," wrote Barrett



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Donald Trump jeopardizes national security by ignoring intelligence community: Today's talker

President Donald Trump doesn't have the best record on telling the truth, but dismissing the intelligence community altogether might put us at risk.

Trump branded 'extraordinarily inappropriate' amid widespread astonishment at president's attack on intelligence chiefs

The Independent

In reversal, Trump now says he and intel chiefs in agreement

Associated Pres

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Trump calls his intel chiefs 'passive and naive' [Well, if trump says it, it must be true...NOT!]

President rebukes intel officials after they contradict him on Iran and claims of foreign policy success

Analyst: Trump treats Putin as a shadow adviser

US intelligence chief contradicts Trump on ISIS defeat

Trump says intel chiefs were misquoted {Oh come on Yet another fantastic fiction to to further the fraud/lie/delusion quite pathetic}

A day after insulting his intelligence chiefs, the President says they were 'taken out of context' in their public testimony contradicting him

Burnett: Tapes don't lie, but the president (compulsively lies like a baseturd) ... Erin Burnett Out Front CNN's Erin Burnett jabs President Trump for claiming his intelligence chiefs said they were misquoted even though they publicly testified on camera. (this is the kind of surreal fear-filled scenario in hitler's nazi germany) Source: CNN Trump says intel chiefs were misquoted {Oh come on.....Yet another fantastic fiction to to further his frauds/lies/delusions quite pathetic Erin Burnett: Tapes don't lie, but trump }

Federal prosecutors subpoena Trump inaugural committee

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How Mueller is investigating the Russians

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Madeleine Albright: Trump doesn't want to learn

Albright 'stunned' by Trump's dressing down of intel chiefs

Panetta: Job of intel community is to speak truth to power

Analysis: Trump's unprecedented outburst aids US adversaries, and some Republicans are balking

Trump singles out director of national intelligence

Opinion: Trump can't bully his intelligence agencies into submission [Oh, I wouldn't go so far as to say that some are merely pathetically thankful to have a paycheck let's see if they have any backbone doubts are reasonable in that regard]

Senate investigators told Trump Jr.'s mysterious calls weren't with his father

House Dems still face fight over Trump's taxes

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US intelligence chiefs reveal gulf with Trump

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Evidence collected from Roger Stone spans years

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The 26 wildest lines from Donald Trump's Daily Caller interview [click]

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Trump: Pelosi will be begging for a wall

Over 3,000 more US troops headed to southern border

Trump blames Paul Ryan for not getting border wall funding

Exclusive: White House preparing draft national emergency order, has identified \$7 billion for wall

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Kamala Harris: Trump's wall a 'medieval vanity project'

Sarah Sanders: God 'wanted Donald Trump to become president' { Wow! Yeah, to punish americans particularly and the world generally and, to illustrate how sick and pathetic satan et als are ... It's truly incredible that such as sanders are throwing such bullst out there for public consumption even more pathetic is the reality that trump loyalists lap this stuff up and regurgitate it ... america's never seen worse than this trump scenario}**

CHRISTIE SAYS KUSHNER'S FATHER COMMITTED ONE OF THE MOST DISGUSTING CRIMES HE PROSECUTED

***Washington (CNN)*Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said that "one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes" he prosecuted more than a decade ago when he was a US attorney was committed by the father of President Donald Trump's son-in-law and top adviser Jared Kushner.**

Christie, who chaired Trump's transition team for a short time, has recently been drawing attention to his relationship with Kushner and his

father, the real estate developer Charles Kushner, while [promoting his new book](#), "Let Me Finish."

According to excerpts of the book reported on by [Axios](#) and [The Guardian](#), Christie claims that the younger Kushner was behind his departure from Trump's inner circle after the 2016 election, writing that he was "still apparently seething over events that had occurred a decade ago."

[Christie torches Kushner in new memoir](#)

In an interview with PBS's Margaret Hoover on "Firing Line" released Tuesday, Christie unloads on the senior Kushner for the crimes that he prosecuted him for.

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Lessons In Gold

Hannah Kearney has been in love with mountains ever since she first strapped on a pair of skis as a young girl, but her gold medal journey almost never happened.

"Would you separate your experience -- if your father had been put in jail -- from the prosecutor who put him in jail?" Hoover asked.

"If my father is guilty, I would. Mr. Kushner pled guilty. He admitted the crimes," Christie said. "And so what am I supposed to do as a prosecutor? I mean If a guy hires a prostitute to seduce his brother-in-law, and videotapes it, and then sends the videotape to his sister to attempt to intimidate her from testifying before a grand jury, do I really need any more justification than that?"

"I mean it's one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes that I prosecuted when I was US attorney. And I was a US attorney in New Jersey, Margaret, so we had some loathsome and disgusting crime going on there."

[Christie: Trump has 'found himself saddled with riffraff'](#)

Christie was referring to an elaborate revenge plot that the older Kushner hatched in 2003 in order to target his his brother-in-law, William Schulder, a former employee turned witness for federal prosecutors in their case

against Kushner, who was under investigation at the time for making illegal campaign contributions.

As a part of the plot, Kushner hired a prostitute to lure Schulder into having sex in a Bridgewater, New Jersey, motel room as a hidden camera rolled. A tape of the encounter was then sent to Kushner's sister and Schulder's wife, Esther.

Ultimately, the intimidation stunt failed. The Schulders brought the video to prosecutors, who tracked down the call girl and threatened her with arrest. She promptly turned on Kushner.

In a plea deal negotiated by Christie, Kushner pleaded guilty to 16 counts of tax evasion, one count of retaliating against a federal witness -- his brother-in-law -- and another count of lying to the Federal Election Commission.

CNN's Sophie Tatum and Gregory Krieg contributed to this report.

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Attorney for two alleged Trump National Golf Club undocumented workers calls for investigation

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Trump's history of hiring undocumented workers

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WASHINGTON – A day after being indicted, Roger Stone used his Instagram account to mock special counsel Robert Mueller and dub the charges against him a ... USA TODAY

Mueller's Real Target in the Roger Stone Indictment

The former Trump associate told ABC he would testify honestly about any wrongdoing that may have occurred

Corsi willing to 'affirm' that information about him in Stone indictment is accurate

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[Kendis Gibson What does Trump do with his time? Reports say: Not much.](#) According to a leak of President Trump's schedule obtained by Axios, Trump spends the majority of his days in “executive time” — hours filled with unplanned meetings, TV watching and tweeting.

Trump's fact-checker: In a week, 'the number of false claims is usually lower when he talks less.'

Morning Joe Why Trump didn't want a US translator when talking to Putin

While the White House admits Donald Trump informally met with Vladimir Putin at the G20 summit in Buenos Aires in November, a new report alleges the conversation included no U.S. personnel.

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Trump & his advisors lied over 100 times about Russian contacts... but why? [Duh]

New Washington Post and NYT reports state that the Trump campaign lied dozens of times about contacts with Russians before the inauguration.

All In Is Trump moving toward war in Venezuela? The president's hawkish advisers are going out of their way to stress that "all options are on the table." [Well, trump's always been a hitler fan (he often listened to hitler orations as per Ivana to author O'Donnell...'Trumped!: The Inside Story of the Real Donald Trump-His Cunning Rise and Spectacular Fall' Hardcover - May 1, 1991 by John R. O'Donnell)]

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Analysis: U.S. ending nuclear treaty with Russia will cost billions

President Trump on Friday said the U.S. is suspending its involvement in the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and would start the process of withdrawing entirely in six months. NBC News' Andrea Mitchell reports on why this will cost the global economy billions.

Ali Velshi CBO report: Partial shutdown cost U.S. estimated \$11 billion

MTP Daily Cohen agrees to testify in closed hearing before House Intel Committee

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Trump announces short-term deal to end shutdown, no wall money

President Trump announces that a deal has been reached to end the shutdown and reopen the federal government with a short-term funding bill until Feb. 15.

Rachel Maddow

Trump ends shutdown with nothing to show for damage wrought

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“Good news for George Herbert Walker Bush: As of today, he is no longer the biggest wimp ever to serve as president of the United States.” — *Ann Coulter, the outspoken conservative commentator, in a tweet*

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Ann Coulter Admits To Bill Maher: ‘OK, I’m Very Stupid Girl’ About Trump **By Lee Moran**

“Real Time” Bill Maher host asked Coulter when she first realized Trump was “a lying conman.”

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TRUMP CAVE: SHORT-TERM DEAL — NO WALL MONEY!

Nancy Pelosi Knocks Trump: 'What Does Putin Have On The President?'

William Barr Indicates Concerns Over Trump's Privacy Could Shield Mueller Report [Coverup begins that's what barr does ... his entire career]

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Government Shutdown Accomplished Nothing, Other Than Hurting People
By Arthur Delaney

Michael Bloomberg Roasts Trump As 'Pretend CEO,' Likens Presidency To Horror Film

12 Undocumented Immigrant Workers At Trump Golf Course Fired, Lawyer Says

WASHPOST

Trump blasts U.S. spy chiefs, disputes assessments on Iran and other threats

The president pushed back against congressional testimony by intelligence officials, tweeting, "Perhaps Intelligence should go back to school!" [Wow! ... or woe As Kelly described trump et als; viz., CRAZY TOWN trump's incompetence/unfitness for office is now beyond the pale, beyond any doubt pathetic!.....what an embarrassment!]

- **By [John Wagner](#) and [Shane Harris](#)**

[WorldViews: Intelligence chiefs are essentially telling U.S. allies that Trump is wrong](#)

[U.S. to pull out of nuclear arms control treaty with Russia](#)

The demise of the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty — on the grounds that Russian violations render it moot — raises fears of a new nuclear arms race, although U.S. officials discount the risk. By [Anne Gearan](#), [Carol Morello](#) and [Paul Sonne](#)

[Mueller investigation is ‘close to being completed,’ acting attorney general says](#)

When President Trump stood alone in a bitter-cold White House Rose Garden to announce that the government was reopening with no money for a border wall, he punctuated five weeks of miscalculation and mismanagement by him and his administration. By [Philip Rucker](#), [Josh Dawsey](#) and [Seung Min Kim](#)

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Trump lost. Period. By Jennifer Rubin

Trump advisers lied over and over again, Mueller says. The question is, why?

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Trump Calls His Intelligence People ‘Naive’

- **On Twitter, President Trump pushed back against his intelligence chiefs’ assessments and trumpeted his accomplishments on critical national security matters.**
- **Mr. Trump said there was a “decent chance of denuclearization” in North Korea and argued that the Islamic State “will soon be destroyed.”**

Republicans Increasingly Split With Trump on Foreign Policy

Mitch McConnell, the majority leader, effectively rebuked Mr. Trump’s decision to withdraw troops from Syria and Afghanistan, our reporter writes in an analysis.

Steven Mnuchin, the Treasury secretary, drew claims of conflict of interest after a sanctions-lifting agreement.

In the Pale of Winter, Trump’s Tan Remains a State Secret The White House insisted that only “good genes” (the adolph as in hitler factor riiiiight) and a clear powder were behind President Trump’s glow, but mysteries about his grooming routine abound. Feb. 2

Trump Calls Border Talks a ‘Waste of Time’ and Dismisses Investigations

- **President Trump said in an interview with The Times that he would most likely proceed on a border wall without lawmakers when talks end in two weeks.**
- **He also dismissed any suggestions of wrongdoing in the investigations that have ensnared his associates.**

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The Demise of the White House Press Briefing Under Trump

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America Pushes Allies to Fight Huawei in New Arms Race With China

- **The United States has embarked on a stealthy global campaign to prevent Chinese firms from building next-generation computer and phone networks.**
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Congress Passes Bill to End Shutdown; Trump Expected to Sign Next

- **The plan will fund the government until Feb. 15 while Republicans and Democrats negotiate over border security.**
- **It includes none of the money for the border wall that President Trump had demanded, but he insisted, "This was in no way a concession."**

For a President Consumed With Winning, a Stinging Defeat

President Trump learned the hard way about the political danger of shutdowns, our chief White House correspondent writes in an analysis.

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Trump's imaginary friends: Are Democrats for a wall any more real than Jim in Paris?

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U.S. announces withdrawal from major nuclear arms treaty with Russia
The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty has been a centerpiece of superpower arms control since the Cold War.

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Congress approves bill to temporarily reopen government without any border wall money

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Trump signs bill to temporarily end government shutdown without any border wall money

'Hopefully now the president has learned his lesson,' said Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer.

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BLOOMBERG SAYS TRUMP 'CANNOT BE HELPED'

Politics HuffPost Twitter Erupts Over Donald Trump's Latest Fearmongering: 'The Boy Who Cried Caravan' President Donald Trump was dubbed "the boy who cried caravan" on Twitter

Trump boosts bills to teach the Bible in public schools

President Trump signals his support for state bills that would allow public schools to teach courses in the Bible, which he once proclaimed was his favorite book. [Come on!Someone quiz him on his 'favorite book'

guaranteed he knows almost nothing which is par for his fraudulent course... look at the record of what he does, rather than foolishly lap up what he says!] ['Nothing beats the Bible'](#) » [trump the antichrist Christian yet another one of his bulls**t ploys to dupe his dumb unwavering loyalists who believe his documented persistent never-ending frauds, lies, cons Absolutely preposterous! he's so full of s**t!/delusional/sick!Clearly he's desperate, worried, flailing/failing knowing he's in over his head, going down, and taking the country down with him...]

BusinessCNBC [Bystanders of Sears' downfall will get their day in court Monday](#)
Unsecured creditors are objecting to Lampert's \$5.2 billion deal to buy Sears out of bankruptcy, the only deal that would stave off liquidation. They have accused Lampert of everything from "stealing assets" to "years of misconduct" that read like a "Shakesperean tragedy." _

Business Bloomberg [Asia Stocks Having a 'Bear-Market Bounce,' JPMorgan Asset Says](#) While Jasslyn Yeo, global market strategist at the money manager, sees the potential for more gains in the first half of the year, investors will need to reassess their positions for the second half. Slowing economic growth globally is clouding the outlook for stocks even as a potential trade deal between the U.S. and China will help risk-on sentiment, according to Yeo. With a 6.8 percent rally in January, the MSCI Asia Pacific Index had its best start to a year since 2012.

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Politics AFP [Trump deepens public row with his 'naive' intelligence services](#) US President Donald branded his own intelligence services "naive" on Iran and in need of schooling in a deepening and unusually public row Wednesday. The Twitter broadside was a riposte to the more sober but equally emphatic rejection by the intelligence community Tuesday of many of Trump's foreign policy claims. Insisting that Iran's nuclear program remains dangerous, Trump said his intelligence advisors -- who believe Tehran is largely abiding by an international commitment to shelve nuclear weapons ambitions -- should be more realistic.

Trump branded 'extraordinarily inappropriate' amid widespread astonishment at president's attack on intelligence chiefs

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Trump says his intelligence officials should 'go back to school' in tweet

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He's not even a self-made millionaire. But millions of Americans still think he is. [And it affects their willingness to vote for him](#)

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Trump attacks Fox News reporters and mistakenly names random teenage girl on Twitter

Donald Trump has launched a furious attack on two Fox News reporters over their coverage of his border wall negotiations, and accidentally involved a random teenage girl in the ensuing furore. In a tweet, the US president criticised chief White House correspondent John Roberts

The billionaire and potential Democratic presidential candidate says the Trump administration is beyond salvation and is "dangerous" for the country.

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Trump hasn't proven that a billionaire can't be an effective president — only that he isn't

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MARKETWATCH: Bull Trap [aka bull crap market-beware]

Note the common and concurrent elements of the previous two big market tops (2000, 2007) versus now:

- **New market highs tagging the upper monthly Bollinger band on a monthly negative RSI (relative strength index) divergence — check.**
- **A steep correction off the highs that breaks a multi-year trend line — check.**
- **A turning of the monthly MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence) toward south and the histogram to negative — check.**
- **A correction that transverses all the way from the upper monthly Bollinger band to the lower monthly Bollinger band before bouncing — check.**
- **A counter rally that moves all the way from the lower Bollinger band to the middle Bollinger band, the 20MA — check.**
- **A counter rally that produces a bump in the RSI around the middle zone, alleviating oversold conditions — check.**
- **All these events occurring following an extended trend of lower unemployment, signaling the coming end of a business cycle — check.**
- **All these events coinciding with a reversal in yields — check.**
- **All these events coinciding with a Federal Reserve suddenly halting its rate hike cycle — check.**

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U.S. drops out of top 20 performers in global corruption index, watchdog says

The group said its latest report on business leaders' perceptions of corruption put the United States at 71, down from 75, on a scale of 0-100. "This is a red flag because it's really part of a pattern that we've seen since the 2008 global financial crisis of a loss of trust ... in our public institutions," she told Reuters. "People don't see us as having adequate mechanisms in place to fight corruption and ensure the accountability of our elected officials." GRAPHIC: Corruption Perceptions Index - <https://tmsnrt.rs/2HCFkgJ> Concerns were already mounting before the election of Donald Trump, although they have been highlighted by the actions of a rich president who defied precedent to keep his personal tax affairs secret and retain his business holdings in office.

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The US has fallen outside of the top 20 countries on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for the first time since 2011 (Picture: Getty)

A new index has named Somalia the most corrupt country in the world, while Denmark is the least.

Concerns have also been raised over the United States, as it fell outside the top 20 countries in the [Corruption Perceptions Index \(CPI\)](#) for the first time since 2011.

The index, released by Transparency International, measures public sector corruption in 180 countries and territories, using 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives to give each country a score from zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

The 2018 index is topped by Denmark and New Zealand, with 88 and 87 points respectively, while at the bottom is Somalia with 10, and Syria and South Sudan, both with 13.

More than two thirds of countries score below 50 in the index, with an average score of only 43.

This year's index also showed a drop for the United States, which it said was a key country to watch as it dropped four points to 71, marking the first time since 2011 that it has fallen outside the top 20 countries.

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['Prepare to die': Roger Stone's alleged threats](#)

Roger Stone, a longtime ally of U.S. President Donald Trump, allegedly called an associate "a rat," threatened his dog and invoked "The Godfather" Mafia movies in a bid to stop him from testifying in an investigation run by U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office, according to court papers unsealed on Friday. Rough Cut (no reporter narration).

Roger Stone Says Mueller's Russia Investigation Has Made Him Broke. Here's What We Know About His Money

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The conservative pundit and onetime Trump supporter keeps firing broadsides at the president over his failed bid to fund the border wall.

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The growing number of lies that members of President Trump's team have admitted to or been accused of telling investigators leads to one big question: Why? [The Washington Post](#)

[US spy chiefs break with Trump on several threats to the US](#)

Intelligence directors break with Trump on threats posed by North Korea, Iran and ISIL.

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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's resolution opposing a "precipitous withdrawal" from Syria was backed by many GOP Senators who disagree with the ... [NPR](#)

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President Donald Trump admitted he had not read an intelligence report when speaking to the press on Thursday. But that did not stop him criticizing how the ...

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[Senate rebukes Trump's plan to withdraw U.S. forces from Syria, Afghanistan](#)

The vast majority of Senate Republicans backed Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Thursday in a rebuke of President Trump's rationale for withdrawing U.S. ... [The Washington Post](#)

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Trump chastises intel chiefs after they contradict him on Iran and claims of foreign policy success

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Trump blasts U.S. intelligence officials, disputes assessments on Iran and other global threats

President Trump lashed out at U.S. intelligence officials Wednesday, calling them “extremely passive and naive” about the “dangers of Iran” and pushing back ... [The Washington Post](#)

On North Korea and Iran, Intelligence Chiefs Contradict Trump

WASHINGTON — A new American intelligence assessment of global threats has concluded that North Korea is unlikely to give up its nuclear stockpiles and that ... [The New York Times](#)

The intelligence chiefs' report strikes a blow for truth in the Age of Trump The president may dismiss what the intelligence agencies are saying, but maybe voters won't. [The Washington Post](#)

What Keeps the Spies Up at Night trump not entirely wrong about dangers u.s. faces. [The NY Times](#)

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Louisiana shootings leave 5 people dead [Sick nation america.] Five people are dead following a string of shootings in Louisiana, law enforcement officials said. **Manhunt on for 21-year-old suspect in Saturday morning killing spree**

Sarah Sanders: God 'wanted Donald Trump to become president' White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said she believes God wanted President Donald Trump to win the 2016 election, the Christian Broadcasting ... **CNN** { Wow! Yeah, to punish americans particularly and the world generally and, to illustrate how sick and pathetic satan et als are ... It's truly incredible that such as sanders are throwing such bulls**t out there for public consumption even more pathetic is the reality that trump loyalists lap this stuff up and regurgitate it ... america's never seen worse than this trump scenario}

trump bitch McConnell: Democrats' Voting Rights Bill Just A 'Political Power Grab' Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) in remarks Wednesday on the Senate floor called House Democrats' proposed legislation to clean up voting ... **HuffPost**

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CHICAGOLAND: People robbed of winter coats at gunpoint... *Left to freeze..* [True americana ...]

CNN THE NUMBERS SHOW TRUMP LOST THE SHUTDOWN

(CNN)First things first: '...

Poll of the week: An [ABC News/Washington Post](#) poll finds that only 37% of Americans approve of the job President Donald Trump is doing. A significantly higher 58% disapprove. This makes for a net approval rating of -21 points.

The previous ABC/Washington Post poll put Trump's net approval rating at -13 points, so his net approval rating fell by 8 points.

What's the point: Make no mistake: Trump lost the shutdown fight. The ABC News/Washington Post poll is merely the latest to show that Trump's approval rating was plummeting. In average of all recent polls, Trump's net approval rating had dropped 6 points compared to before the shutdown '

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The spoiled rich boy in the Oval Office

He's not even a self-made millionaire. But millions of Americans still think he is. And it affects their willingness to vote for him:

Who is Donald Trump? Ask Americans and many of them will describe a self-made billionaire, a business tycoon of unfathomable success. In research recently published in *Political Behavior*, we found that voters are not simply uninformed about President Trump's biographical background, but misinformed—and that misinformation has serious political consequences.

Large swaths of the public believe the Trump myth. Across three surveys of eligible voters from 2016 to 2018, we found that as many as half of all Americans do not know that he was born into a very wealthy family. And while Americans are divided along party lines in their assessment of Trump's performance as president, misperceptions regarding his financial background are found among Democrats and Republicans.

Incomprehensible as it might be to political news junkies, nearly half of Americans, both Republicans and Democrats, don't know that Donald Trump was born into a very wealthy family. They believe the myth that Trump has pushed, that's he's a self-made man.

The truth is that his father, Fred Trump, who made his fortune as a real estate developer, set up his son Donald for success in the same business. Donald inherited \$413 million in today's dollars from his father. His father co-signed his business loans. Donald was a millionaire before he got out of diapers. And his father kept bailing him out with more millions each time one of his poorly conceived business ventures failed.

So what, you say?

Using a 2017 University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll, we found that believing Trump was not born "very wealthy" leads to at

least a 5-percentage-point boost in the president's job approval, even after considering the many factors that can influence public approval ratings. This shift is rooted in the belief that his humble roots make Trump both more empathetic (he "feels my pain"), and more skilled at business (he is self-made and couldn't have climbed to such heights without real business know-how).

And what happens when people who thought Trump was a self-made man learn the truth? Their views become less positive toward him:

For Democrats, who already see Trump as lacking empathy, this information makes them think of him as even less empathetic. But among Republicans, the information is even more damning, reducing perceptions of empathy by more than 10 percentage points...

On perceptions of business acumen, which are higher across both parties, the information regarding Fred Trump's role in his son's business success is equally important. Democrats reduce their perceptions of Trump as a good businessman by 6 points, while Republican perceptions decline by 9 points.

So here's something to keep in mind when dealing with a Trump supporter. Make sure they know he was born rich and that whatever wealth he has now wasn't the result of his "great deal making" or any kind of super business acumen on his part. He was given all the advantages in the world by his very wealthy father and fed money by him over and over again each time his business ventures failed.

Maybe all those handouts from his father spoiled any native business skill young Donald might have had until he'd burned all his bridges and couldn't borrow money from anyone anymore... and he had to turn to the Russians as the only ones still willing to keep giving him money.

He's not a self-made man who did good for himself. He's a Richie Rich who had everything given to him on a silver platter, and he still made bad.

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Ex-Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz announces interest in presidential run, gets roasted like a bean

Kamala Harris: "We have foreign powers infecting the White House like malware..."

Kansas GOP looks to clear the field for Trump, considers canceling 2020 caucus

How Donald Trump brought about the end of my marriage

Democratic presidential candidates put Puerto Rico back in the media spotlight

Mick Mulvaney says Trump is willing to shut down the government again in three weeks

How I feel as a descendant of white immigrants.

Notes from my corner of the government shutdown — and a prediction

Tom Brokaw's racism does not get a pass and Chuck Todd deserves serious condemnation as well.

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Real talk: Even if we beat Trump in 2020, we can't do very much without a Democratic U.S. Senate. Chip in \$1 now to the Democratic nominee in every key 2020 Senate race.

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Denver Public Schools sends letter threatening to deport striking teachers

New Trump appointee is an Iran-Contra convict who tried to cover up massacre of 1,000 civilians

Arizona professor sues state after being denied health care coverage because of his gender identity

This week is the two-year anniversary of Trump's Muslim ban and attacks on Muslims continue. Please chip in \$5 to help repeal the ban.

Forced-birthers lose a round in Iowa as state judge strikes down 'fetal heartbeat' abortion ban

4 arrested and charged with building explosives in plan to terrorize Muslim community in New York

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Three men who planned terrorist attack on Muslim Somali community in Kansas sentenced to 25+ years

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Florida is restoring voting rights to former felons. But high court fees mean many can't afford it

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Race will play a central role in the 2020 elections. So why can't CBS find black reporters?

Voting Rights Roundup: Democrats pass historic reforms to turn New York from worst to best in voting

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California preschooler shoots mom in completely preventable instance of 'family fire'

School superintendent charged with 3 felonies for using own insurance to help sick student

Trump's attacks on the media make independent outlets like Daily Kos more important than ever. Can you chip in \$1 to support our work?

MAGA hat teen in viral video isn't sorry. But we should be for the attempts to excuse his racism

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New court-ordered Virginia House map gives Democrats a great chance to take the majority this year

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The US has fallen outside of the top 20 countries on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for the first time since 2011 (Picture: Getty)

A new index has named Somalia the most corrupt country in the world, while Denmark is the least.

Concerns have also been raised over the United States, as it fell outside the top 20 countries in the [Corruption Perceptions Index \(CPI\)](#) for the first time since 2011.

The index, released by Transparency International, measures public sector corruption in 180 countries and territories, using 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives to give each country a score from zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

The 2018 index is topped by Denmark and New Zealand, with 88 and 87 points respectively, while at the bottom is Somalia with 10, and Syria and South Sudan, both with 13.

More than two thirds of countries score below 50 in the index, with an average score of only 43.

This year's index also showed a drop for the United States, which it said was a key country to watch as it dropped four points to 71, marking the first time since 2011 that it has fallen outside the top 20 countries.

Zoe Reiter, Acting Representative to the US at Transparency International, said: "A four point drop in the CPI score is a red flag and comes at a time when the US is experiencing threats to its system of checks and balances, as well as an erosion of ethical norms at the highest levels of power.

"If this trend continues, it would indicate a serious corruption problem in a country that has taken a lead on the issue globally. This is a bipartisan issue that requires a bipartisan solution."

Transparency International said five of the nine sources used to compile the score for the US showed a noteworthy drop in score while the others showed no improvement.

It said since 2012, only 20 countries have significantly improved their scores, including Côte D'Ivoire, and 16 have significantly declined, including, Australia, Chile and Malta.

Transparency International said cross analysis with global democracy data had revealed a link between corruption and the health of democracies.

It said in 2016, the US was downgraded from a full to a flawed democracy in the Democracy Index and in 2018, the US received its lowest Freedom in the World Index score for political rights since 1972, when measurement began.

“Corruption chips away at democracy to produce a vicious cycle, where corruption undermines democratic institutions, and in turn, weak institutions are less able to control corruption,” said Patricia Moreira, Managing Director of Transparency International.

“Around the world, we need to do more to strengthen checks and balances and protect citizens’ rights, and the US is no exception.”

A survey published by Transparency International in 2017 showed that nearly six in ten Americans believed the US was more corrupt than the previous year, with the White House considered the most corrupt institution in the US.

“The expert opinion captured by the CPI supports the deep concern over corruption in government reported by Americans in our 2017 survey,” said Reiter.

“Both experts and the public believe the situation is getting worse.

U.S. DROPS OUT OF TOP 20 PERFORMERS IN GLOBAL CORRUPTION INDEX, WATCHDOG SAYS [U.S. MORE CORRUPT By Andrea Shalal [Reuters](#)•January 28, 2019

**The U.S. flag flies near the Statue of Freedom atop the U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S. November 2, 2018. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst
By Andrea Shalal**

BERLIN (Reuters) - The United States slid four points lower on a global corruption index in 2018, dropping out of the top 20 countries for the first

time since 2011, watchdog Transparency International said in a report that cited growing threats to democracy worldwide.

The group said its latest report on business leaders' perceptions of corruption put the United States at 71, down from 75, on a scale of 0-100.

That sounds a "wake-up call" about the need to tackle conflicts of interest, undue influence of the private sector and widening gaps between rich and poor, said Zoe Reiter, the watchdog's acting representative to the United States.

"This is a red flag because it's really part of a pattern that we've seen since the 2008 global financial crisis of a loss of trust ... in our public institutions," she told Reuters. "People don't see us as having adequate mechanisms in place to fight corruption and ensure the accountability of our elected officials."

GRAPHIC: Corruption Perceptions Index - <https://tmsnrt.rs/2HCFkgJ>

Concerns were already mounting before the election of Donald Trump, although they have been highlighted by the actions of a rich president who defied precedent to keep his personal tax affairs secret and retain his business holdings in office.

"Concerns around the Trump administration are quite serious, but this has been stewing for several years," she said. "Conflict of interest wasn't a new problem, but it was illuminated in its glory when you have someone who is basically breaking norms."

"Trump is a symptom not a cause. His presidency is illuminating some of the problems."

Denmark and New Zealand had the best scores on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) again in 2018, scoring 88 and 87, while Somalia, Syria and South Sudan remained at the bottom, with scores of 10, 13 and 13, TI said.

Overall, more than two-thirds of countries scored below 50 on the 2018 index, and the average was 43, said TI, which has more than 100 chapters worldwide.

The group said only 20 countries had significantly improved their scores since 2012, including Argentina and Ivory Coast. Sixteen others, including Australia, Chile and Malta, declined significantly in the same period.

The average score for EU and western European countries held steady at 66, while sub-Saharan Africa scored just 32, TI said. A score of 100 is considered "very clean", while a score of zero is highly corrupt.

TI said its analysis showed a clear link between having a healthy democracy and fighting public sector corruption, and cited declining scores for Turkey and Hungary, in connection with challenges to the rule of law and press freedoms.

Hungary's score dropped by eight points to 46 over the past five years, amid troubling developments including the forced departure of the Open Society Foundation and Central European University, founded by philanthropist George Soros, TI said.

Turkey's score dropped by nine points in the same period to a score of 41, as the country was downgraded to 'not free' on a democracy ranking, TI said.

"Corruption is much more likely to flourish where democratic foundations are weak and ... where undemocratic and populist politicians can use it to their advantage," said Delia Ferreira Rubio, who chairs the global civil society group.

(Reporting by Andrea Shalal; Editing by Peter Graff)

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The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 180 countries/territories around the world.



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Here Are The Wildest Moments From Trump's Super Bowl Pregame Interview

The president sat down with CBS' "Face The Nation" to discuss the border wall and other topics.

By Hayley Miller

President Donald Trump sat down for a wide-ranging interview with CBS set to air ahead of the Super Bowl on Sunday, and there's a lot to unpack from the exchange.

Trump, who opted against giving a pregame interview last year, made several eyebrow-raising remarks during his interview with host Margaret Brennan, touching on topics including his plan to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria and whether he would let his 12-year-old son play football.

Here are some of Trump's most noteworthy comments:

On another government shutdown: We'll 'see what happens'

Trump refused to say he wouldn't allow another partial government shutdown if Congress doesn't agree to carve out \$5.7 billion in a spending bill to fund his long-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We're going to have to see what happens on Feb. 15th," the president said, the date when temporary funding for various agencies expires. "I don't take anything off the table. I don't like to take things off the table."

After a 35-day partial shutdown – the longest such closure in U.S. history – Trump agreed on Jan. 25 to reopen the government for three weeks while Congress negotiated border security. He has threatened to shut down the government again or declare a national emergency to secure funds for his border wall if the talks fail. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have slammed Trump's threat to declare a national emergency to achieve his wall.

"You know there have been plenty of national emergencies called," Trump told CBS. "And this really is an invasion of our country by human traffickers. ... The only way you have a strong border is you need a physical barrier. You need a wall. And anybody that says you don't, they're just playing games."

Pelosi is 'very bad for our country'

Trump bashed House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) over her refusal to cave to his demand for border wall money, despite his repeated vows that Mexico would pay to build it.

Asked what he learned about negotiating with her, Trump told CBS that she was "very rigid."

"I think she is very bad for our country," he said. "She knows that you need a barrier. She knows that we need border security. She wanted to win a political point."

Brennan reminded Trump that Pelosi had offered \$1 billion toward border security. He responded, without citing evidence, that Pelosi's stance on the wall was costing the country billions of dollars and blamed "people like" her for "people dying all over the country."

The 26 wildest lines from Donald Trump's Daily Caller interview

Analysis by CNN Editor-at-large

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(CNN)On Wednesday afternoon, Donald Trump sat down in the Oval Office for an interview with the conservative website the Daily Caller.

To their great credit, [the Daily Caller released the full transcript of the conversation](#), allowing me to go through it line-by-line -- picking out the most, uh, interesting lines from the President. They're below.

1. "He was a gambler, you know, you don't see too many gamblers that have money."

Trump is referring to Stephen Paddock, the man who murdered 58 people in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017. (*The FBI closed its investigation into the shooting earlier this week without offering a conclusion on Paddock's motivation.*) Paddock was both a gambler and wealthy, Trump says. And away we go!

2. "You know, I've stayed out of that whole situation so that -- because there was no collusion whatsoever."

What "situation" is Trump referring to here? The question he was asked by the Daily Caller was whether he felt comfortable with the manner in which his one-time adviser [Roger Stone was arrested last week](#). Does Trump mean he has stayed out of commenting on that arrest? Stayed away from Roger Stone? Stayed out of the Russia investigation? He has, of course, not stayed out of anything with the possible exception of not offering a stream of commentary on Stone's arrest. One thing worth mentioning here, too: NO COLLUSION.

3. "I'm speaking for a lot of people that were very disappointed to see that go down that way, to see it happen where it was on camera, on top of it. That was a very, very disappointing scene."

On the Stone arrest question, "disappointing" is an odd word choice here. To be clear: The [indictment that led to Stone's arrest](#) alleged that he had repeatedly lied to Congress about his contacts with WikiLeaks over emails stolen from Democrats by Russians -- and that he had urged other witnesses to lie to Congress about what they knew of the situation too.

4. "You have 29 people and you have armored vehicles and you had all of the other and, you know, many people know Roger, and Roger is not a person that they would have to worry about from that standpoint. I thought it was sad to see it."

What's remarkable about this -- and the fact that Trump in the next sentence says he would consider asking the FBI to look into its use of force in the Stone arrest -- is that the President has repeatedly urged law enforcement to be tougher in its dealings with criminals. "When you see these thugs thrown into the back of a paddy wagon. You see them thrown in, rough. I said, 'Please don't be too nice,'" [Trump said in a speech to police officers in 2017](#).

5. "I guess they're well over 30 million dollars now on this Russian collusion hoax, and everybody knows it's a hoax. They've spent all this money. Nothing. No phone calls, no meetings, no nothing."

Trump's not that far off-base on the price tag -- \$25 million has been spent on special counsel Robert Mueller's probe since it began in May 2017, [according to the most recent filings](#). Where he REALLY misses the fact boat is in claiming that the Mueller probe has produced zero tangible results. To date, the investigation has produced 199 criminal counts against 37 people and entities. Seven people have pleaded guilty and four have been sentenced to prison. One -- Paul Manafort -- has been convicted by a jury of his peers. [That's not nothing](#).

6. "You look at it, and you say, isn't that sad to have devoted this time, this energy over a -- you know, look, there's been numerous books written right now, including number one best sellers, calling it a 'hoax.'"

Trump's referring to "[The Russia Hoax: The Illicit Scheme to Clear Hillary Clinton and Frame Donald Trump](#)" by Gregg Jarrett. Jarrett is a Fox News personality. Draw your own conclusions.

7. "I would say that I think after almost two years it certainly should be."

Trump is saying here that the Mueller probe has gone on too long already. By way of context, the [special counsel investigations into Iran-Contra and Whitewater lasted more than six years each](#).

8. "Process crimes or process, you know, questions, the answer is different than what you thought it might be and some people say they lost their memory or a lack of memory, which a lot of people can understand that too."

Trump is right that, to date, all of the crimes related to the 2016 campaign that Mueller has found have been people lying to Congress or federal investigators about who knew what when about contacts between the campaign and Russia. But here's the thing: 1) The investigation isn't over yet and 2) WHY WHY WHY are all these people in Trump's orbit willing to lie to federal authorities about their contacts with the Russians?

9. "I could've taken a much different stance, I could've gotten involved in this, I could've terminated everything. I could've ended everything. I've chosen to stay out of it."

Two thoughts here. First, [it's not at all clear that Trump could have "terminated" the Mueller probe](#). Second, this past 20 months is what "stay[ing] out of it" looks like for Donald Trump, eh?

10. "I ran a great campaign. I ran a campaign that now they say was better than that gentleman's [Andrew Jackson's] campaign in the 1800s and we did a great job."

They say that, do they? (For more on Andrew Jackson's campaigns, read [this!](#))

11. "And we got 306 to 223 and that's that. Won states that nobody thought were possible to win. Remember the expression, 'he cannot get to 270.' And we got way beyond 270."

The 2016 election ended 814 days ago. Also, this is an answer to a question about whether Trump favors making the Mueller report public. Good times.

12. "Paul told me in the strongest of terms that, 'please sign this and if you sign this we will get you that wall.'"

Trump, in case you haven't noticed, is very, very good at scapegoating. In this case, he's blaming former House Speaker Paul Ryan for lying to him about wall funding in order to secure his signature on an omnibus spending bill.

13. "And then he went lame duck. And once he went lame duck it was just really an exercise in waving to people and the power was gone, so I was very disappointed."

Rather than saying "retired," I propose we say "went lame duck" in the future. As in: "Hey, did Cillizza leave CNN? No, he went lame duck. He and his wife are living up in the Catskills now."

14. "I don't want to say he lied. I think he probably meant it at the time, I guess. I hope. So I don't call that lying."

"It's not a lie if you believe it." -- [George Costanza](#)

15. "You know, I made many statements, many promises."

Fact Check: True!

16. "I'm going to be announcing the exact numbers but I'll have over a hundred miles of wall either built or under construction between new and renovated."

Not true. As [PBS' Yamiche Alcindor noted on Twitter](#): "*President Trump keeps saying, 'The wall is getting built.' Fact check: This is false. No construction has begun on the wall President Trump promised. The President said he would be going to a 'ground-breaking' for the wall around the time of SOTU and that hasn't happened.*"

17. "We have a tremendous amount of money right now to build a wall. We're building the wall."

Again, no.

18. "I hope that she's healthy, I hope she's happy, and I hope she lives for a long time."

Trump's response here to a question on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is -- dare I say it -- presidential.

19. "Well, I've been very religious." [Huh.](#)

20. "I've been told, and I don't know that that's true, I would be surprised if it's true, but a lot of people said that list was one of the reasons I won."

This is true. [As I wrote at the time](#), Trump's decision to release a list of judges he would consider for any Supreme Court vacancy was hugely important in rallying conservatives to him.

21. "The world is not doing well and we're going great."

Trump on the global situation: America :) Rest of world :(

22. "Coach Belichick endorsed me, you remember that?"

True! [And in letter form no less!](#)

23. "I was very pleased that he called me to thank me for helping him with Canada and yeah, it looks good."

Donald Trump is pro-NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. So, there's that!

24. "I feel very badly for Louisiana because that was maybe the worst call I've ever seen but I guess there's nothing they can do about that. And you might say it, I feel badly for Louisiana."

First off, [it WAS a terrible call](#). Second, might I say it?

25. "It looks like Elizabeth Warren has not caught on like they thought she would. She fell into a trap. It's called the Pocahontas trap."

"The Pocahontas Trap?" Is that a Disney flick?

26. "The truth is there are some I'd love to run against." Donald Trump on 2020 Democrats: "Some I'd love to run against." This feels like the right place to stop.

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(CNN)In retrospect, President Donald Trump's interview with CBS News' Margaret Brennan was the most entertaining part of the Super Bowl.

Trump was his usual self -- making a series of fact-challenged (and fact-free) claims, musing on his own greatness and playing the role he was born to play: Being Donald Trump.

CBS released the full transcript of Trump's interview -- and I went through it. Below, the most noteworthy of lines.

1. "Well, I don't -- I don't take anything off the table. I don't like to take things off the table."

Trump is referring here to his refusal to rule out another government shutdown if no deal on wall funding is reached by February 15. (Which it almost certainly won't be.) But Trump's

statement also kind of doubles for his life mantra -- everything is on the table, always. And away we go!

2. "And this really is an invasion of our country by human traffickers."

Ask yourself this: If Trump really views the stream of undocumented immigrants into the country as "an invasion" and a national emergency along the lines of a major natural disaster, then why would he give Congress three weeks to figure out some solution? If we are truly being "invaded," shouldn't we be acting now out of fear for our lives? So why hasn't Trump acted yet? [whispers] Because this isn't an actual national emergency.

3. "You need a wall. And anybody that says you don't, they're just playing games."

If Trump sticks to this view, then there will be no deal in Congress on keeping the government open. Which means Trump is likely to declare a national emergency. It's just not that complicated.

4. "I think [Pelosi] is very bad for our country."

Trump has never been big on subtlety.

5. "And on the 15th we have now set the table beautifully because everybody knows what's going on because of this shutdown."

A few things here. One, Trump is saying that everything is set up "beautifully" for when the government closes again, which is a sort of a weird word choice. Two, it sure as heck seems as though he expects no deal and to make some sort of, uh, declaration on February 15.

6. "When I took over Syria it was infested with ISIS. It was all over the place. And now you have very little ISIS and you have the caliphate almost knocked out."

"ISIS is intent on resurging and still commands thousands of fighters in Iraq and Syria," -- Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, 1/30/19.

7. "What -- you're-- you're going to have people, like the one-armed man who blew up a restaurant. You are going to have pockets."

I think Trump is talking about this bombing in Kabul in mid-January. And while the transcript says "one-armed man," I have to believe Trump meant "one armed man." Punctuation matters, people!

8. "We've been there for 19 years, almost, we are fighting very well. We're fighting harder than ever before."

How is Trump quantifying his claim that US troops in Afghanistan are "fighting harder than ever before?" Answer: He's not.

9. "We have very fast airplanes. We have very good cargo planes."

This is the President of the United States' answer when asked what would happen if ISIS surged in areas where he is pulling out troops. "Very fast airplanes."

10. "We have to protect Israel. We have to protect other things that we have."

So, Israel is one of the "things that we have," or.....?

11. "When President Obama pulled out of Iraq, in theory, we had Iraq. In other words, we had Iraq. We never had Syria because President Obama never wanted to violate the red line in the sand."

In theory, we had Iraq. Put another way: We had Iraq. To put a finer point on it: We had Iraq.

12. "Being in Iraq -- it was a big mistake to go -- one of the greatest mistakes going into the Middle East that our country has ever made."

"Yeah, I guess so." -- Donald Trump, when asked by Howard Stern whether he supported US troops going into Iraq (9/12/02)

13. "I want to be looking a little bit at Iran because Iran is a real problem."

"We do not believe Iran is currently undertaking the key activities we judge necessary to produce a nuclear device." -- Dan Coats, 1/30/19

14. "My intelligence people, if they said in fact that Iran is a wonderful kindergarten, I disagree with them a hundred percent."

[narrator voice] They said no such thing. The intelligence community has simply said they believe Iran to be in compliance with the nuclear deal that Trump pulled out of in May 2018.

15. "I disagree with them."

It's OK for Trump to disagree with intelligence officials about Iran. But what is he basing his conclusions on? Because they are basing theirs on actual intelligence.

16. "They said they were mischaracterized -- maybe they were, maybe they weren't."

[narrator voice] They weren't.

17. "So when my intelligence people tell me how wonderful Iran is -- if you don't mind, I'm going to just go by my own counsel."

To be clear: Trump is acknowledging here that he doesn't trust what the intelligence community tells him about Iran because his gut tells him something different.

18. "It's OK. It's easier to make moves when they're acting."

I'm not entirely clear on what Trump means here. Does he mean it's easier to replace acting Cabinet secretaries if he wants? Or that acting Cabinet officials may have less to lose and so are willing to push the policy envelope more?

19. "Really, I like acting because I can move so quickly."

Not to belabor the point but: Is Trump saying he prefers acting Cabinet officials because he can do more of what he wants on policy with less opposition within his administration?

20. "Like with General Mattis, I wasn't happy with his service. I told him give me a letter."

Former Defense Secretary James Mattis said that he resigned out of principle -- due to disagreements with Trump on his vision for the US's role in the world. Trump is saying he fired Mattis because he asked him to resign, aka "I told him give me a letter."

21. "But they haven't been kneeling and they have been respecting the flag and their ratings have been terrific ever since. And a lot of good things happened."

It's not at all clear that ratings for the NFL are tied in any way, shape or form to whether (or not) players protested during the National Anthem.

22. "And I got it done and I've been, you know, really -- a lot of people in the NFL have been calling and thanking me for it."

So. "A lot of the people in the NFL" called Trump to thank him for getting criminal justice reform passed. I mean, maybe? But like a lot of Trump's claims, this one is absolutely impossible to fact check.

23. "And I think if you look at the numbers for African-American unemployment, best numbers they've had -- literally, the best numbers they've had in history. And I think they like me a lot and I like them a lot."

OK, so, Brennan repeatedly asks Trump about claims that he is a racist or that he promotes racist views. This is his answer: How can I be racist if the unemployment numbers for blacks are so good?

24. "And a lot of people, including me, thought soccer would probably never make it in this country, but it really is moving forward rapidly."

Paging @MeninBlazers!!!!

25. "Well, look, the Russia thing is a hoax. I have been tougher on Russia than any president, maybe ever."

First of all, it's very debatable whether Trump has been harder on Russia than any president ever. Second, whether he has or has not been harder on Russia than any other president has NOTHING to do with Russia interfering in the 2016 election. Trump has never seemed to understand the difference.

26. "Excuse me. OK, you ready? OK, you ready? Of the thirty-four people, many of them were bloggers from Moscow -- or they were people that had nothing to do with me."

The following people have pleaded guilty to (or been convicted of) wrongdoing in the Mueller probe: former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, former Trump deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates, former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn, former Trump fixer and personal attorney Michael Cohen. Another Trump loyalist -- Roger Stone -- has been charged. So...

27. "First of all, Roger Stone didn't work on the campaign"

"Donald Trump's campaign said Saturday it has fired top political adviser Roger Stone -- who promptly denied being let go and insisted he had quit." (8/10/15)

28. "Roger is somebody that I've always liked, but a lot of people like Roger. Some people probably don't like Roger, but Roger Stone's somebody I've always liked."

"Roger is a stone-cold loser." -- Donald Trump in 2008

29. "There's been no President that has been tougher on Russia than Donald Trump."

Again, no. And again, even if that were true it would not prove that the Russia investigation is a hoax or a witch hunt.

30. "It's totally up to the attorney general. Totally up to the attorney general."

This is important. Brennan gives Trump the chance to say that, yes, the Mueller report should be released to the public. Trump purposely doesn't go there. Ask yourself this: If Trump is truly totally innocent and all of this is a big, fat nothing-burger, wouldn't it be in his interest to push for the entire Mueller report to be public, so he can be completely exonerated?

31. "Even the Mueller report said it had nothing to do with the campaign."

The Mueller report hasn't come out yet.

32. "There was no collusion. There was no obstruction. There was no nothing."

Not accurate. To reiterate: 199 criminal charges of 39 people and entities. Seven people who have pleaded guilty. Four people who have been sentenced to jail. And, Manafort, who was convicted by a jury.

33. "We've made tremendous progress. If you remember, before I became President, it looked like we were going to war with North Korea. Now we have a very good relationship."

"We currently assess that North Korea will seek to retain its WMD capabilities and is unlikely to completely give up its nuclear weapons and production capability because its leaders ultimately view nuclear weapons as critical to regime survival." -- Dan Coats, 1/30/19

34. "What a location. I'm in the real estate business, what a location."

Donald Trump on North Korea. Yup!

35. "Sir, I hear your helicopters. I'm being told to wrap."

Yes, ok, this is Brennan, not Trump. But, still: I am going to end all future interviews by saying, "I hear your helicopters."

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The 36 wackiest lines from Donald Trump's totally bizarre Cabinet meeting

Chris Cillizza

Analysis by Chris Cillizza, CNN Editor-at-large

(CNN)President Donald Trump celebrated the new year with a 90+ minute Cabinet meeting on Wednesday -- and cameras were rolling the entire time.

Like much of Trump's presidency, the event felt entirely free-form -- as if Trump was making all of it up as he went. He seemed to support the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, proclaimed that he would have made a good military general and spouted falsehoods at an alarming rate -- even for him.

I went through the transcript of the question-and-answer portion of Trump's Cabinet meeting and picked out the most, uh, noteworthy lines. They're below.

1. "I've heard numbers as high as \$275 billion, we lose on illegal immigration."

Eh, not really. Also, away we go!

2. "And you know, it's not all about the rich countries, because the rich countries really do take advantage of us, because they pay a very small percentage of their military, and they cheat on trade."

So much stream of consciousness, so little time.

3. "There's some horrible things going on in the world, and we want to help those people."

Worth noting: Despite the CIA concluding that Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Salman was personally involved in the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at a Saudi consulate in Istanbul, Trump has said no one can know the truth -- and even if we did know the truth it wouldn't be worth risking our financial relationship with Saudi Arabia. So, there's that.

4. "When they say I'm not popular in Europe, I shouldn't be popular in Europe."

One of the least covered but most important aspects of the Trump presidency is how he, unlike every president that has come before him, simply does not believe in the coalition built in the aftermath of World War II.

5. "I don't care about Europe."

See No. 4.

6. "I know every angle."

[nods]

7. "I could be the most popular person in Europe. I could be -- I could run for any office if I wanted to, but I don't want to."

So. Wait. Trump is saying he could run for any office in Europe? I am pretty sure that's not true....

8. "I mean, I could give you an example where I get along very well with India and Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi, but he's constantly telling me he built a library in Afghanistan, OK?"

India was, um, not pleased with this taunt.

9. "We're supposed to say 'Oh, thank you for the library.' I don't know who's using it in Afghanistan, but one of those things."

So, Trump believes a library in Afghanistan is pointless because it's in Afghanistan and, therefore, people won't use it? Got it!

10. "And you know, look, I endorsed (Mitt Romney), he thanked me very profusely, he was very nice."

This is a good dig by Trump -- highlighting the fact that Romney is speaking out against him only now that the political risks for doing so are tiny.

11. "We've got the greatest tax cuts ever"

It's sort of hard to quantify "greatest" but Trump has repeatedly said that his tax cut was the largest in history. It was not.

12. "The deductible is so high, unless you get hit by a tractor you can't even use them, nobody's ever seen anything like it."

Do a lot of people get hit by tractors?

13. "I have great popularity in Utah"

"No state has seen President Trump's approval rating drop further than Utah, new poll shows"

14. "President Obama fired him and, essentially, so did I. I want results." Trump is talking about former Defense Secretary James Mattis. He's not talking about him accurately, however. Mattis resigned in protest in the

wake of Trump's decision to pull US troops out Syria. Trump didn't "essentially" fire him. At all.

15. "Russia used to be the Soviet Union, Afghanistan made it Russia because they went bankrupt fighting in Afghanistan -- Russia."

Looks, I've seen "Spies Like Us." I know about Russia. And the Soviet Union. And all that.

16. "The problem is it was a tough fight and, literally, they went bankrupt, they went into being called Russia again as opposed to the Soviet Union. You know, lot of -- a lot of these places you're reading about now are no longer a part of Russia because of Afghanistan."

It's impossible to overstate how little sense this makes. And how historically inaccurate it is.

17. "I think I would've been a good general, but who knows."

We will never know. Mostly because Trump is not now and never was in the military. Including during the Vietnam War when he got five deferments -- including one for bone spurs.

18. "We're talking about sand and death. That's what we're talking about."

The President of the United States offers his thoughts on Syria.

19. "Now, the Kurds, it's very interesting, Turkey doesn't like them; other people do."

The Kurds: Some people say they are great, some say they aren't. We may never know!

20. "I had a meeting at the Pentagon with lots of generals -- they were like from a movie, better looking than Tom Cruise and stronger -- and I had more generals than I've ever seen."

This is so revealing. All of life is a casting call for Trump. These generals were good because they were good looking and strong. Even more than Tom Cruise!

21. "I said, this is the greatest room I've ever seen. I -- I saw more computer boards than, I think, that they make today."

"Computer boards."

22. "Iran is pulling people out of Syria -- they can do what they want there, frankly -- but they're pulling people out."

This is an interesting take on the Middle East. And one that Israel likely will be interested in hearing more about.

23. "We're getting out, and we're getting out smart, and we're winning. We're winning, OK?"

Um, OK?

24. "I never saw anything so beautiful in my life."

The birth of his child? His bride on their wedding day? Nope! He's talking about the House vote for \$5 billion in wall funding in late December.

25. "Can you imagine me having that power? Wouldn't that be scary? Right?"

Trump is referring here to then-President Barack Obama's decision to create the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, essentially allowing children brought into the country illegally to remain without fear of deportation. But man oh man, that quote out of context is really something.

26. "Could be a long time and it could be quickly. Could be a long time." What an answer to the question of how long the government might be shut down! Could be a while. Might not be. But could be!

27. "It's a big, big house. Except for all the guys out on the lawn with machine guns. Nicest machine guns I've ever seen."

Even when talking about the Secret Service that protect the White House, Trump has to exaggerate. These weren't just machine guns. They were the "nicest machine guns ever."

28. "I was waving to them. I -- I never saw so many guys with machine guns in my life."

Many people are saying it was the most -- and most beautiful -- machine guns ever used in one place.

29. "Secret Service and military, these are great people and they don't play games. They don't, like, wave. They don't even smile."

Secret Service: not big wavers. Also, anti-smiling.

30. "Look, look, when they say the wall's immoral well then you -- you've got to do something about the Vatican because the Vatican has the biggest wall of them all."

Bizarrely, this is not the first time Trump or a top aide has attacked the Vatican for its wall. Back in 2016, Trump aide Dan Scavino tweeted that the Pope was a hypocrite on immigration because Vatican City was surrounded by massive walls. As CNN's Daniel Burke wrote at the time: "Yes, the Vatican does have walls, and some are quite large. But anyone can stroll through the Pope's front yard -- St. Peter's Square -- at nearly any time."

31. "Look at all of the countries that have walls and they work 100%." OK, so, according to Trump, any country with a wall around its border is totally and completely impenetrable to outsiders.

As in, no one has ever breached the wall. It can't be breached. Unless, say, one side had an ice dragon....

32. "I could have had a lot easier presidency by doing nothing."

Ahem.

33. "People see that gasoline is way down. And the reason its way down is because I called up some of the OPEC people."

[narrator voice] That isn't the reason.

34. "I mean, I just got rid of -- I -- I wouldn't say got -- they say they're retired."

An amazing and overlooked moment. Asked what would happen if Romney didn't get on board with him, Trump cited the retirements of GOP Sens. Bob Corker and Jeff Flake -- threatening that Romney would find himself in the same position if he kept crossing Trump. Little mob boss-y, no?

35. "So Jeff Flake is now selling real estate, or whatever he's doing."

I am not sure where Trump got the idea Flake is going to be selling real estate as his post-Senate career. To the best of my searching, Flake hasn't announced what he's going to do after leaving the Senate. Also, isn't "sell real estate" what Trump did his whole professional life prior to 2016?

36. "I will tell you, we have some great Republicans, and if you look at the way they're standing up for border security, you'd be very proud of them if you're a Republican, or if you're a person that loves our nation."



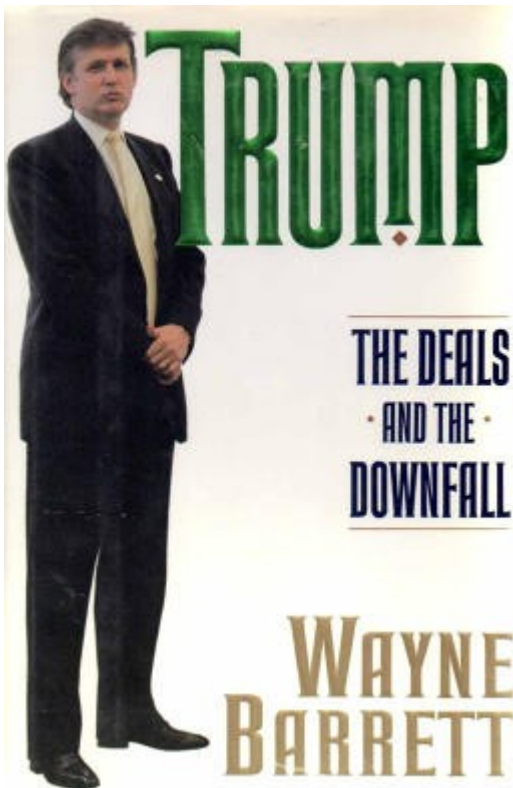
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ANN COULTER: 'LUNATIC' TRUMP COULD FACE GOP CHALLENGER

.....But Trump told a different story to casino regulators who were deciding whether to grant him the lucrative gambling license.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with these people," he said about Shapiro and Sullivan during licensing hearings in 1982, according to "TrumpNation." "Many of them have been in Atlantic City for many, many years and I think they are well thought of."

Sullivan's unsavory reputation did not stop Trump from later arranging for him to be hired as a labor negotiator for the Grand Hyatt, a hotel project on Manhattan's East Side, according to *People* magazine and the [Los Angeles Times](#). Trump also introduced Sullivan to his own banker at Chase, though he declined to guarantee a loan to Sullivan, reported the *L.A. Times*.



Longo, the real estate broker Trump used in Atlantic City on the Trump Plaza deal, told me in 2011 that he wasn't aware of Shapiro or Sullivan having any mob ties, and insisted Trump didn't have any problems at all obtaining his gaming license. "In AC, you always had to be careful who you were dealing with, but Donald did things on the level," Longo told me in 2011.

In his investigative biography, [Trump: The Deals and the Downfall](#), reporter Wayne Barrett wrote that Trump's life "intertwines with the

underworld," and he outlined the real-estate developer's numerous alleged ties to organized crime, including that Trump:

- **Once met Salerno at the Manhattan townhouse of Roy Cohn, the infamous sidekick to Joe McCarthy who represented both men, according to an eyewitness source who talked to Barrett.**
- **Was very close to Cohn, whom Barrett describes as Trump's "bridge to the mob."**
- **Had ties to mob associates Shapiro and Sullivan.**
- **Paid almost double the market price for property in Atlantic City owned by Salvatore Testa, a capo in the Scarfo crime family.**
- **Evaded New Jersey state laws banning casino owners from making political contributions by channeling donations to Mike Mathews, then-candidate for mayor of Atlantic City, through Shapiro and another mob-tied associate.**
- **Failed to disclose to state casino regulators that Trump was the target of a bribery probe in 1979 and was questioned in a 1981 racketeering investigation. Neither federal probe led to criminal charges, noted the Philadelphia Inquirer's David Johnston in a review of the book.**

Preferential Treatment For The Donald?

In the book, Barrett also claimed that New Jersey state regulators demonstrated a double standard by granting Trump a casino license while denying licenses to other developers and gambling executives whose conduct was far less troubling than Trump's. In 1985, Hilton Hotels was turned down for a license partly due to the chain's ties to Sidney Korshak, a lawyer with reputed mob connections. But with Trump, the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) never bothered to write a report that raised "the possibility that Cohn's mob liaisons . . . might have been used to facilitate Trump construction projects," wrote Barrett'

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Donald Trump jeopardizes national security by ignoring intelligence community: Today's talker

President Donald Trump doesn't have the best record on telling the truth, but dismissing the intelligence community altogether might put us at risk.

Trump branded 'extraordinarily inappropriate' amid widespread astonishment at president's attack on intelligence chiefs

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In reversal, Trump now says he and intel chiefs in agreement

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Trump calls his intel chiefs 'passive and naive' [Well, if trump says it, it must be true...NOT!]

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CHRISTIE SAYS KUSHNER'S FATHER COMMITTED ONE OF THE MOST DISGUSTING CRIMES HE PROSECUTED

***Washington (CNN)*Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said that "one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes" he prosecuted more than a decade ago when he was a US attorney was committed by the father of President Donald Trump's son-in-law and top adviser Jared Kushner.**

Christie, who chaired Trump's transition team for a short time, has recently been drawing attention to his relationship with Kushner and his

father, the real estate developer Charles Kushner, while [promoting his new book](#), "Let Me Finish."

According to excerpts of the book reported on by [Axios](#) and [The Guardian](#), Christie claims that the younger Kushner was behind his departure from Trump's inner circle after the 2016 election, writing that he was "still apparently seething over events that had occurred a decade ago."

[Christie torches Kushner in new memoir](#)

In an interview with PBS's Margaret Hoover on "Firing Line" released Tuesday, Christie unloads on the senior Kushner for the crimes that he prosecuted him for.

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Lessons In Gold

Hannah Kearney has been in love with mountains ever since she first strapped on a pair of skis as a young girl, but her gold medal journey almost never happened.

"Would you separate your experience -- if your father had been put in jail -- from the prosecutor who put him in jail?" Hoover asked.

"If my father is guilty, I would. Mr. Kushner pled guilty. He admitted the crimes," Christie said. "And so what am I supposed to do as a prosecutor? I mean If a guy hires a prostitute to seduce his brother-in-law, and videotapes it, and then sends the videotape to his sister to attempt to intimidate her from testifying before a grand jury, do I really need any more justification than that?"

"I mean it's one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes that I prosecuted when I was US attorney. And I was a US attorney in New Jersey, Margaret, so we had some loathsome and disgusting crime going on there."

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Christie was referring to an elaborate revenge plot that the older Kushner hatched in 2003 in order to target his his brother-in-law, William Schulder, a former employee turned witness for federal prosecutors in their case

against Kushner, who was under investigation at the time for making illegal campaign contributions.

As a part of the plot, Kushner hired a prostitute to lure Schulder into having sex in a Bridgewater, New Jersey, motel room as a hidden camera rolled. A tape of the encounter was then sent to Kushner's sister and Schulder's wife, Esther.

Ultimately, the intimidation stunt failed. The Schulders brought the video to prosecutors, who tracked down the call girl and threatened her with arrest. She promptly turned on Kushner.

In a plea deal negotiated by Christie, Kushner pleaded guilty to 16 counts of tax evasion, one count of retaliating against a federal witness -- his brother-in-law -- and another count of lying to the Federal Election Commission.

CNN's Sophie Tatum and Gregory Krieg contributed to this report.

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The former Trump associate told ABC he would testify honestly about any wrongdoing that may have occurred

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INF TREATY WITHDRAWAL

Analysis: U.S. ending nuclear treaty with Russia will cost billions

President Trump on Friday said the U.S. is suspending its involvement in the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and would start the process of withdrawing entirely in six months. NBC News' Andrea Mitchell reports on why this will cost the global economy billions.

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President Trump announces that a deal has been reached to end the shutdown and reopen the federal government with a short-term funding bill until Feb. 15.

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“Real Time” Bill Maher host asked Coulter when she first realized Trump was “a lying conman.”

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By Arthur Delaney

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Trump blasts U.S. spy chiefs, disputes assessments on Iran and other threats

The president pushed back against congressional testimony by intelligence officials, tweeting, "Perhaps Intelligence should go back to school!" [Wow! ... or woe As Kelly described trump et als; viz., CRAZY TOWN trump's incompetence/unfitness for office is now beyond the pale, beyond any doubt pathetic!.....what an embarrassment!]

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The demise of the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty — on the grounds that Russian violations render it moot — raises fears of a new nuclear arms race, although U.S. officials discount the risk. By [Anne Gearan](#), [Carol Morello](#) and [Paul Sonne](#)

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When President Trump stood alone in a bitter-cold White House Rose Garden to announce that the government was reopening with no money for a border wall, he punctuated five weeks of miscalculation and mismanagement by him and his administration. By [Philip Rucker](#), [Josh Dawsey](#) and [Seung Min Kim](#)

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Trump Calls His Intelligence People ‘Naive’

- **On Twitter, President Trump pushed back against his intelligence chiefs’ assessments and trumpeted his accomplishments on critical national security matters.**
- **Mr. Trump said there was a “decent chance of denuclearization” in North Korea and argued that the Islamic State “will soon be destroyed.”**

Republicans Increasingly Split With Trump on Foreign Policy

Mitch McConnell, the majority leader, effectively rebuked Mr. Trump’s decision to withdraw troops from Syria and Afghanistan, our reporter writes in an analysis.

Steven Mnuchin, the Treasury secretary, drew claims of conflict of interest after a sanctions-lifting agreement.

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Trump Calls Border Talks a ‘Waste of Time’ and Dismisses Investigations

- **President Trump said in an interview with The Times that he would most likely proceed on a border wall without lawmakers when talks end in two weeks.**
- **He also dismissed any suggestions of wrongdoing in the investigations that have ensnared his associates.**

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Congress Passes Bill to End Shutdown; Trump Expected to Sign Next

- **The plan will fund the government until Feb. 15 while Republicans and Democrats negotiate over border security.**
- **It includes none of the money for the border wall that President Trump had demanded, but he insisted, "This was in no way a concession."**

For a President Consumed With Winning, a Stinging Defeat

President Trump learned the hard way about the political danger of shutdowns, our chief White House correspondent writes in an analysis.

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Trump signs bill to temporarily end government shutdown without any border wall money

'Hopefully now the president has learned his lesson,' said Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer.

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Politics HuffPost Twitter Erupts Over Donald Trump's Latest Fearmongering: 'The Boy Who Cried Caravan' President Donald Trump was dubbed "the boy who cried caravan" on Twitter

Trump boosts bills to teach the Bible in public schools

President Trump signals his support for state bills that would allow public schools to teach courses in the Bible, which he once proclaimed was his favorite book. [Come on!Someone quiz him on his 'favorite book'

guaranteed he knows almost nothing which is par for his fraudulent course... look at the record of what he does, rather than foolishly lap up what he says!] ['Nothing beats the Bible'](#) » [trump the antichrist Christian yet another one of his bulls**t ploys to dupe his dumb unwavering loyalists who believe his documented persistent never-ending frauds, lies, cons Absolutely preposterous! he's so full of s**t!/delusional/sick!Clearly he's desperate, worried, flailing/failing knowing he's in over his head, going down, and taking the country down with him...]

BusinessCNBC [Bystanders of Sears' downfall will get their day in court Monday](#)
Unsecured creditors are objecting to Lampert's \$5.2 billion deal to buy Sears out of bankruptcy, the only deal that would stave off liquidation. They have accused Lampert of everything from "stealing assets" to "years of misconduct" that read like a "Shakesperean tragedy." _

Business Bloomberg [Asia Stocks Having a 'Bear-Market Bounce,'JPMorgan Asset Says](#) While Jasslyn Yeo, global market strategist at the money manager, sees the potential for more gains in the first half of the year, investors will need to reassess their positions for the second half. Slowing economic growth globally is clouding the outlook for stocks even as a potential trade deal between the U.S. and China will help risk-on sentiment, according to Yeo. With a 6.8 percent rally in January, the MSCI Asia Pacific Index had its best start to a year since 2012.

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Trump branded 'extraordinarily inappropriate' amid widespread astonishment at president's attack on intelligence chiefs

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The spoiled rich boy in the Oval Office

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Trump attacks Fox News reporters and mistakenly names random teenage girl on Twitter

Donald Trump has launched a furious attack on two Fox News reporters over their coverage of his border wall negotiations, and accidentally involved a random teenage girl in the ensuing furore. In a tweet, the US president criticised chief White House correspondent John Roberts

The billionaire and potential Democratic presidential candidate says the Trump administration is beyond salvation and is "dangerous" for the country.

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MARKETWATCH: Bull Trap [aka bull crap market-beware]

Note the common and concurrent elements of the previous two big market tops (2000, 2007) versus now:

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- **A steep correction off the highs that breaks a multi-year trend line — check.**
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- **A counter rally that produces a bump in the RSI around the middle zone, alleviating oversold conditions — check.**
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- **All these events coinciding with a Federal Reserve suddenly halting its rate hike cycle — check.**

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U.S. drops out of top 20 performers in global corruption index, watchdog says

The group said its latest report on business leaders' perceptions of corruption put the United States at 71, down from 75, on a scale of 0-100. "This is a red flag because it's really part of a pattern that we've seen since the 2008 global financial crisis of a loss of trust ... in our public institutions," she told Reuters. "People don't see us as having adequate mechanisms in place to fight corruption and ensure the accountability of our elected officials." GRAPHIC: Corruption Perceptions Index - <https://tmsnrt.rs/2HCFkgJ> Concerns were already mounting before the election of Donald Trump, although they have been highlighted by the actions of a rich president who defied precedent to keep his personal tax affairs secret and retain his business holdings in office.

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The US has fallen outside of the top 20 countries on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for the first time since 2011 (Picture: Getty)

A new index has named Somalia the most corrupt country in the world, while Denmark is the least.

Concerns have also been raised over the United States, as it fell outside the top 20 countries in the [Corruption Perceptions Index \(CPI\)](#) for the first time since 2011.

The index, released by Transparency International, measures public sector corruption in 180 countries and territories, using 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives to give each country a score from zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

The 2018 index is topped by Denmark and New Zealand, with 88 and 87 points respectively, while at the bottom is Somalia with 10, and Syria and South Sudan, both with 13.

More than two thirds of countries score below 50 in the index, with an average score of only 43.

This year's index also showed a drop for the United States, which it said was a key country to watch as it dropped four points to 71, marking the first time since 2011 that it has fallen outside the top 20 countries.

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['Prepare to die': Roger Stone's alleged threats](#)

Roger Stone, a longtime ally of U.S. President Donald Trump, allegedly called an associate "a rat," threatened his dog and invoked "The Godfather" Mafia movies in a bid to stop him from testifying in an investigation run by U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office, according to court papers unsealed on Friday. Rough Cut (no reporter narration).

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(CNN)First things first: '...

Poll of the week: An [ABC News/Washington Post](#) poll finds that only 37% of Americans approve of the job President Donald Trump is doing. A significantly higher 58% disapprove. This makes for a net approval rating of -21 points.

The previous ABC/Washington Post poll put Trump's net approval rating at -13 points, so his net approval rating fell by 8 points.

What's the point: Make no mistake: Trump lost the shutdown fight. The ABC News/Washington Post poll is merely the latest to show that Trump's approval rating was plummeting. In average of all recent polls, Trump's net approval rating had dropped 6 points compared to before the shutdown '

HE'S NOT A SELF-MADE BILLIONAIRE

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Friday January 18, 2019

The spoiled rich boy in the Oval Office

He's not even a self-made millionaire. But millions of Americans still think he is. And it affects their willingness to vote for him:

Who is Donald Trump? Ask Americans and many of them will describe a self-made billionaire, a business tycoon of unfathomable success. In research recently published in *Political Behavior*, we found that voters are not simply uninformed about President Trump's biographical background, but misinformed—and that misinformation has serious political consequences.

Large swaths of the public believe the Trump myth. Across three surveys of eligible voters from 2016 to 2018, we found that as many as half of all Americans do not know that he was born into a very wealthy family. And while Americans are divided along party lines in their assessment of Trump's performance as president, misperceptions regarding his financial background are found among Democrats and Republicans.

Incomprehensible as it might be to political news junkies, nearly half of Americans, both Republicans and Democrats, don't know that Donald Trump was born into a very wealthy family. They believe the myth that Trump has pushed, that's he's a self-made man.

The truth is that his father, Fred Trump, who made his fortune as a real estate developer, set up his son Donald for success in the same business. Donald inherited \$413 million in today's dollars from his father. His father co-signed his business loans. Donald was a millionaire before he got out of diapers. And his father kept bailing him out with more millions each time one of his poorly conceived business ventures failed.

So what, you say?

Using a 2017 University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll, we found that believing Trump was not born "very wealthy" leads to at

least a 5-percentage-point boost in the president's job approval, even after considering the many factors that can influence public approval ratings. This shift is rooted in the belief that his humble roots make Trump both more empathetic (he "feels my pain"), and more skilled at business (he is self-made and couldn't have climbed to such heights without real business know-how).

And what happens when people who thought Trump was a self-made man learn the truth? Their views become less positive toward him:

For Democrats, who already see Trump as lacking empathy, this information makes them think of him as even less empathetic. But among Republicans, the information is even more damning, reducing perceptions of empathy by more than 10 percentage points...

On perceptions of business acumen, which are higher across both parties, the information regarding Fred Trump's role in his son's business success is equally important. Democrats reduce their perceptions of Trump as a good businessman by 6 points, while Republican perceptions decline by 9 points.

So here's something to keep in mind when dealing with a Trump supporter. Make sure they know he was born rich and that whatever wealth he has now wasn't the result of his "great deal making" or any kind of super business acumen on his part. He was given all the advantages in the world by his very wealthy father and fed money by him over and over again each time his business ventures failed.

Maybe all those handouts from his father spoiled any native business skill young Donald might have had until he'd burned all his bridges and couldn't borrow money from anyone anymore... and he had to turn to the Russians as the only ones still willing to keep giving him money.

He's not a self-made man who did good for himself. He's a Richie Rich who had everything given to him on a silver platter, and he still made bad.

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The US has fallen outside of the top 20 countries on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for the first time since 2011 (Picture: Getty)

A new index has named Somalia the most corrupt country in the world, while Denmark is the least.

Concerns have also been raised over the United States, as it fell outside the top 20 countries in the [Corruption Perceptions Index \(CPI\)](#) for the first time since 2011.

The index, released by Transparency International, measures public sector corruption in 180 countries and territories, using 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives to give each country a score from zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

The 2018 index is topped by Denmark and New Zealand, with 88 and 87 points respectively, while at the bottom is Somalia with 10, and Syria and South Sudan, both with 13.

More than two thirds of countries score below 50 in the index, with an average score of only 43.

This year's index also showed a drop for the United States, which it said was a key country to watch as it dropped four points to 71, marking the first time since 2011 that it has fallen outside the top 20 countries.

Zoe Reiter, Acting Representative to the US at Transparency International, said: "A four point drop in the CPI score is a red flag and comes at a time when the US is experiencing threats to its system of checks and balances, as well as an erosion of ethical norms at the highest levels of power.

"If this trend continues, it would indicate a serious corruption problem in a country that has taken a lead on the issue globally. This is a bipartisan issue that requires a bipartisan solution."

Transparency International said five of the nine sources used to compile the score for the US showed a noteworthy drop in score while the others showed no improvement.

It said since 2012, only 20 countries have significantly improved their scores, including Côte D'Ivoire, and 16 have significantly declined, including, Australia, Chile and Malta.

Transparency International said cross analysis with global democracy data had revealed a link between corruption and the health of democracies.

It said in 2016, the US was downgraded from a full to a flawed democracy in the Democracy Index and in 2018, the US received its lowest Freedom in the World Index score for political rights since 1972, when measurement began.

“Corruption chips away at democracy to produce a vicious cycle, where corruption undermines democratic institutions, and in turn, weak institutions are less able to control corruption,” said Patricia Moreira, Managing Director of Transparency International.

“Around the world, we need to do more to strengthen checks and balances and protect citizens’ rights, and the US is no exception.”

A survey published by Transparency International in 2017 showed that nearly six in ten Americans believed the US was more corrupt than the previous year, with the White House considered the most corrupt institution in the US.

“The expert opinion captured by the CPI supports the deep concern over corruption in government reported by Americans in our 2017 survey,” said Reiter.

“Both experts and the public believe the situation is getting worse.

U.S. DROPS OUT OF TOP 20 PERFORMERS IN GLOBAL CORRUPTION INDEX, WATCHDOG SAYS [U.S. MORE CORRUPT By Andrea Shalal [Reuters](#)•January 28, 2019

**The U.S. flag flies near the Statue of Freedom atop the U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S. November 2, 2018. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst
By Andrea Shalal**

BERLIN (Reuters) - The United States slid four points lower on a global corruption index in 2018, dropping out of the top 20 countries for the first

time since 2011, watchdog Transparency International said in a report that cited growing threats to democracy worldwide.

The group said its latest report on business leaders' perceptions of corruption put the United States at 71, down from 75, on a scale of 0-100.

That sounds a "wake-up call" about the need to tackle conflicts of interest, undue influence of the private sector and widening gaps between rich and poor, said Zoe Reiter, the watchdog's acting representative to the United States.

"This is a red flag because it's really part of a pattern that we've seen since the 2008 global financial crisis of a loss of trust ... in our public institutions," she told Reuters. "People don't see us as having adequate mechanisms in place to fight corruption and ensure the accountability of our elected officials."

GRAPHIC: Corruption Perceptions Index - <https://tmsnrt.rs/2HCFkgJ>

Concerns were already mounting before the election of Donald Trump, although they have been highlighted by the actions of a rich president who defied precedent to keep his personal tax affairs secret and retain his business holdings in office.

"Concerns around the Trump administration are quite serious, but this has been stewing for several years," she said. "Conflict of interest wasn't a new problem, but it was illuminated in its glory when you have someone who is basically breaking norms."

"Trump is a symptom not a cause. His presidency is illuminating some of the problems."

Denmark and New Zealand had the best scores on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) again in 2018, scoring 88 and 87, while Somalia, Syria and South Sudan remained at the bottom, with scores of 10, 13 and 13, TI said.

Overall, more than two-thirds of countries scored below 50 on the 2018 index, and the average was 43, said TI, which has more than 100 chapters worldwide.

The group said only 20 countries had significantly improved their scores since 2012, including Argentina and Ivory Coast. Sixteen others, including Australia, Chile and Malta, declined significantly in the same period.

The average score for EU and western European countries held steady at 66, while sub-Saharan Africa scored just 32, TI said. A score of 100 is considered "very clean", while a score of zero is highly corrupt.

TI said its analysis showed a clear link between having a healthy democracy and fighting public sector corruption, and cited declining scores for Turkey and Hungary, in connection with challenges to the rule of law and press freedoms.

Hungary's score dropped by eight points to 46 over the past five years, amid troubling developments including the forced departure of the Open Society Foundation and Central European University, founded by philanthropist George Soros, TI said.

Turkey's score dropped by nine points in the same period to a score of 41, as the country was downgraded to 'not free' on a democracy ranking, TI said.

"Corruption is much more likely to flourish where democratic foundations are weak and ... where undemocratic and populist politicians can use it to their advantage," said Delia Ferreira Rubio, who chairs the global civil society group.

(Reporting by Andrea Shalal; Editing by Peter Graff)

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The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 180 countries/territories around the world.

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86	Finland	3	84	Bahamas	29	82	Oman	53	81	Lesotho	78	78	Côte d'Ivoire	106
86	Singapore	3	84	Portugal	30	81	Mauritius	56	81	Trinidad and Tobago	78	78	Egypt	106
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Here Are The Wildest Moments From Trump's Super Bowl Pregame Interview

The president sat down with CBS' "Face The Nation" to discuss the border wall and other topics.

By Hayley Miller

President Donald Trump sat down for a wide-ranging interview with CBS set to air ahead of the Super Bowl on Sunday, and there's a lot to unpack from the exchange.

Trump, who opted against giving a pregame interview last year, made several eyebrow-raising remarks during his interview with host Margaret Brennan, touching on topics including his plan to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria and whether he would let his 12-year-old son play football.

Here are some of Trump's most noteworthy comments:

On another government shutdown: We'll 'see what happens'

Trump refused to say he wouldn't allow another partial government shutdown if Congress doesn't agree to carve out \$5.7 billion in a spending bill to fund his long-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We're going to have to see what happens on Feb. 15th," the president said, the date when temporary funding for various agencies expires. "I don't take anything off the table. I don't like to take things off the table."

After a 35-day partial shutdown – the longest such closure in U.S. history – Trump agreed on Jan. 25 to reopen the government for three weeks while Congress negotiated border security. He has threatened to shut down the government again or declare a national emergency to secure funds for his border wall if the talks fail. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have slammed Trump's threat to declare a national emergency to achieve his wall.

"You know there have been plenty of national emergencies called," Trump told CBS. "And this really is an invasion of our country by human traffickers. ... The only way you have a strong border is you need a physical barrier. You need a wall. And anybody that says you don't, they're just playing games."

Pelosi is 'very bad for our country'

Trump bashed House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) over her refusal to cave to his demand for border wall money, despite his repeated vows that Mexico would pay to build it.

Asked what he learned about negotiating with her, Trump told CBS that she was "very rigid."

"I think she is very bad for our country," he said. "She knows that you need a barrier. She knows that we need border security. She wanted to win a political point."

Brennan reminded Trump that Pelosi had offered \$1 billion toward border security. He responded, without citing evidence, that Pelosi's stance on the wall was costing the country billions of dollars and blamed "people like" her for "people dying all over the country."

The 26 wildest lines from Donald Trump's Daily Caller interview

Analysis by CNN Editor-at-large

Updated 4:05 PM ET, Thu January 31, 2019

(CNN)On Wednesday afternoon, Donald Trump sat down in the Oval Office for an interview with the conservative website the Daily Caller.

To their great credit, [the Daily Caller released the full transcript of the conversation](#), allowing me to go through it line-by-line -- picking out the most, uh, interesting lines from the President. They're below.

1. "He was a gambler, you know, you don't see too many gamblers that have money."

Trump is referring to Stephen Paddock, the man who murdered 58 people in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017. (*The FBI closed its investigation into the shooting earlier this week without offering a conclusion on Paddock's motivation.*) Paddock was both a gambler and wealthy, Trump says. And away we go!

2. "You know, I've stayed out of that whole situation so that -- because there was no collusion whatsoever."What "situation" is Trump referring to here? The question he was asked by the Daily Caller was whether he felt comfortable with the manner in which his one-time adviser [Roger Stone was arrested last week](#). Does Trump mean he has stayed out of commenting on that arrest? Stayed away from Roger Stone? Stayed out of the Russia investigation? He has, of course, not stayed out of anything with the possible exception of not offering a stream of commentary on Stone's arrest. One thing worth mentioning here, too: NO COLLUSION.

3. "I'm speaking for a lot of people that were very disappointed to see that go down that way, to see it happen where it was on camera, on top of it. That was a very, very disappointing scene."

On the Stone arrest question, "disappointing" is an odd word choice here. To be clear: The [indictment that led to Stone's arrest](#) alleged that he had repeatedly lied to Congress about his contacts with WikiLeaks over emails stolen from Democrats by Russians -- and that he had urged other witnesses to lie to Congress about what they knew of the situation too.

4. "You have 29 people and you have armored vehicles and you had all of the other and, you know, many people know Roger, and Roger is not a person that they would have to worry about from that standpoint. I thought it was sad to see it."

What's remarkable about this -- and the fact that Trump in the next sentence says he would consider asking the FBI to look into its use of force in the Stone arrest -- is that the President has repeatedly urged law enforcement to be tougher in its dealings with criminals. "When you see these thugs thrown into the back of a paddy wagon. You see them thrown in, rough. I said, 'Please don't be too nice,'" [Trump said in a speech to police officers in 2017](#).

5. "I guess they're well over 30 million dollars now on this Russian collusion hoax, and everybody knows it's a hoax. They've spent all this money. Nothing. No phone calls, no meetings, no nothing."

Trump's not that far off-base on the price tag -- \$25 million has been spent on special counsel Robert Mueller's probe since it began in May 2017, [according to the most recent filings](#). Where he REALLY misses the fact boat is in claiming that the Mueller probe has produced zero tangible results. To date, the investigation has produced 199 criminal counts against 37 people and entities. Seven people have pleaded guilty and four have been sentenced to prison. One -- Paul Manafort -- has been convicted by a jury of his peers. [That's not nothing.](#)

6. "You look at it, and you say, isn't that sad to have devoted this time, this energy over a -- you know, look, there's been numerous books written right now, including number one best sellers, calling it a 'hoax.'"

Trump's referring to "[The Russia Hoax: The Illicit Scheme to Clear Hillary Clinton and Frame Donald Trump](#)" by Gregg Jarrett. Jarrett is a Fox News personality. Draw your own conclusions.

7. "I would say that I think after almost two years it certainly should be."

Trump is saying here that the Mueller probe has gone on too long already. By way of context, the [special counsel investigations into Iran-Contra and Whitewater lasted more than six years each](#).

8. "Process crimes or process, you know, questions, the answer is different than what you thought it might be and some people say they lost their memory or a lack of memory, which a lot of people can understand that too."

Trump is right that, to date, all of the crimes related to the 2016 campaign that Mueller has found have been people lying to Congress or federal investigators about who knew what when about contacts between the campaign and Russia. But here's the thing: 1) The investigation isn't over yet and 2) WHY WHY WHY are all these people in Trump's orbit willing to lie to federal authorities about their contacts with the Russians?

9. "I could've taken a much different stance, I could've gotten involved in this, I could've terminated everything. I could've ended everything. I've chosen to stay out of it."

Two thoughts here. First, [it's not at all clear that Trump could have "terminated" the Mueller probe](#). Second, this past 20 months is what "stay[ing] out of it" looks like for Donald Trump, eh?

10. "I ran a great campaign. I ran a campaign that now they say was better than that gentleman's [Andrew Jackson's] campaign in the 1800s and we did a great job."

They say that, do they? (*For more on Andrew Jackson's campaigns, read [this!](#)*)

11. "And we got 306 to 223 and that's that. Won states that nobody thought were possible to win. Remember the expression, 'he cannot get to 270.' And we got way beyond 270."

The 2016 election ended 814 days ago. Also, this is an answer to a question about whether Trump favors making the Mueller report public. Good times.

12. "Paul told me in the strongest of terms that, 'please sign this and if you sign this we will get you that wall.'"

Trump, in case you haven't noticed, is very, very good at scapegoating. In this case, he's blaming former House Speaker Paul Ryan for lying to him about wall funding in order to secure his signature on an omnibus spending bill.

13. "And then he went lame duck. And once he went lame duck it was just really an exercise in waving to people and the power was gone, so I was very disappointed."

Rather than saying "retired," I propose we say "went lame duck" in the future. As in: "Hey, did Cillizza leave CNN? No, he went lame duck. He and his wife are living up in the Catskills now."

14. "I don't want to say he lied. I think he probably meant it at the time, I guess. I hope. So I don't call that lying."

"It's not a lie if you believe it." -- [George Costanza](#)

15. "You know, I made many statements, many promises."

Fact Check: True!

16. "I'm going to be announcing the exact numbers but I'll have over a hundred miles of wall either built or under construction between new and renovated."

Not true. As [PBS' Yamiche Alcindor noted on Twitter](#): "*President Trump keeps saying, 'The wall is getting built.' Fact check: This is false. No construction has begun on the wall President Trump promised. The President said he would be going to a 'ground-breaking' for the wall around the time of SOTU and that hasn't happened.*"

17. "We have a tremendous amount of money right now to build a wall. We're building the wall."

Again, no.

18. "I hope that she's healthy, I hope she's happy, and I hope she lives for a long time."

Trump's response here to a question on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is -- dare I say it -- presidential.

19. "Well, I've been very religious." [Huh.](#)

20. "I've been told, and I don't know that that's true, I would be surprised if it's true, but a lot of people said that list was one of the reasons I won."

This is true. [As I wrote at the time](#), Trump's decision to release a list of judges he would consider for any Supreme Court vacancy was hugely important in rallying conservatives to him.

21. "The world is not doing well and we're going great."

Trump on the global situation: America :) Rest of world :(

22. "Coach Belichick endorsed me, you remember that?"

True! [And in letter form no less!](#)

23. "I was very pleased that he called me to thank me for helping him with Canada and yeah, it looks good."

Donald Trump is pro-NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. So, there's that!

24. "I feel very badly for Louisiana because that was maybe the worst call I've ever seen but I guess there's nothing they can do about that. And you might say it, I feel badly for Louisiana."

First off, [it WAS a terrible call](#). Second, might I say it?

25. "It looks like Elizabeth Warren has not caught on like they thought she would. She fell into a trap. It's called the Pocahontas trap."

"The Pocahontas Trap?" Is that a Disney flick?

26. "The truth is there are some I'd love to run against." Donald Trump on 2020 Democrats:

"Some I'd love to run against." This feels like the right place to stop.

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CHRISTIE SAYS KUSHNER'S FATHER COMMITTED ONE OF THE MOST DISGUSTING CRIMES HE PROSECUTED

***Washington (CNN)*Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said that "one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes" he prosecuted more than a decade ago when he was a US attorney was committed by the father of President Donald Trump's son-in-law and top adviser Jared Kushner.**

Christie, who chaired Trump's transition team for a short time, has recently been drawing attention to his relationship with Kushner and his

father, the real estate developer Charles Kushner, while [promoting his new book](#), "Let Me Finish."

According to excerpts of the book reported on by [Axios](#) and [The Guardian](#), Christie claims that the younger Kushner was behind his departure from Trump's inner circle after the 2016 election, writing that he was "still apparently seething over events that had occurred a decade ago."

[Christie torches Kushner in new memoir](#)

In an interview with PBS's Margaret Hoover on "Firing Line" released Tuesday, Christie unloads on the senior Kushner for the crimes that he prosecuted him for.

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Lessons In Gold

Hannah Kearney has been in love with mountains ever since she first strapped on a pair of skis as a young girl, but her gold medal journey almost never happened.

"Would you separate your experience -- if your father had been put in jail -- from the prosecutor who put him in jail?" Hoover asked.

"If my father is guilty, I would. Mr. Kushner pled guilty. He admitted the crimes," Christie said. "And so what am I supposed to do as a prosecutor? I mean If a guy hires a prostitute to seduce his brother-in-law, and videotapes it, and then sends the videotape to his sister to attempt to intimidate her from testifying before a grand jury, do I really need any more justification than that?"

"I mean it's one of the most loathsome, disgusting crimes that I prosecuted when I was US attorney. And I was a US attorney in New Jersey, Margaret, so we had some loathsome and disgusting crime going on there."

[Christie: Trump has 'found himself saddled with riffraff'](#)

Christie was referring to an elaborate revenge plot that the older Kushner hatched in 2003 in order to target his his brother-in-law, William Schulder, a former employee turned witness for federal prosecutors in their case

against Kushner, who was under investigation at the time for making illegal campaign contributions.

As a part of the plot, Kushner hired a prostitute to lure Schulder into having sex in a Bridgewater, New Jersey, motel room as a hidden camera rolled. A tape of the encounter was then sent to Kushner's sister and Schulder's wife, Esther.

Ultimately, the intimidation stunt failed. The Schulders brought the video to prosecutors, who tracked down the call girl and threatened her with arrest. She promptly turned on Kushner.

In a plea deal negotiated by Christie, Kushner pleaded guilty to 16 counts of tax evasion, one count of retaliating against a federal witness -- his brother-in-law -- and another count of lying to the Federal Election Commission.

CNN's Sophie Tatum and Gregory Krieg contributed to this report.

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Trump boosts bills to teach the Bible in public schools

President Trump signals his support for state bills that would allow public schools to teach courses in the Bible, which he once proclaimed was his favorite book.

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Donald Trump has launched a furious attack on two Fox News reporters over their coverage of his border wall negotiations, and accidentally involved a random teenage girl in the ensuing furore. In a tweet, the US president criticised chief White House correspondent John Roberts

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The US has fallen outside of the top 20 countries on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for the first time since 2011 (Picture: Getty)

A new index has named Somalia the most corrupt country in the world, while Denmark is the least.

Concerns have also been raised over the United States, as it fell outside the top 20 countries in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for the first time since 2011.

The index, released by Transparency International, measures public sector corruption in 180 countries and territories, using 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives to give each country a score from zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

The 2018 index is topped by Denmark and New Zealand, with 88 and 87 points respectively, while at the bottom is Somalia with 10, and Syria and South Sudan, both with 13.

More than two thirds of countries score below 50 in the index, with an average score of only 43.

This year's index also showed a drop for the United States, which it said was a key country to watch as it dropped four points to 71, marking the first time since 2011 that it has fallen outside the top 20 countries.

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'Prepare to die': Roger Stone's alleged threats

Roger Stone, a longtime ally of U.S. President Donald Trump, allegedly called an associate "a rat," threatened his dog and invoked "The Godfather" Mafia movies in a bid to stop him from testifying in an investigation run by U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office,

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(CNN)First things first: '...

Poll of the week: An [ABC News/Washington Post](#) poll finds that only 37% of Americans approve of the job President Donald Trump is doing. A significantly higher 58% disapprove. This makes for a net approval rating of -21 points.

The previous ABC/Washington Post poll put Trump's net approval rating at -13 points, so his net approval rating fell by 8 points.

What's the point: Make no mistake: Trump lost the shutdown fight. The ABC News/Washington Post poll is merely the latest to show that Trump's approval rating was plummeting. In average of all recent polls, Trump's net approval rating had dropped 6 points compared to before the shutdown '

HE'S NOT A SELF-MADE BILLIONAIRE

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Friday January 18, 2019

The spoiled rich boy in the Oval Office

He's not even a self-made millionaire. But millions of Americans still think he is. And it affects their willingness to vote for him:

Who is Donald Trump? Ask Americans and many of them will describe a self-made billionaire, a business tycoon of unfathomable success. In research recently published in *Political Behavior*, we found that voters are not simply uninformed about President Trump's biographical background, but misinformed—and that misinformation has serious political consequences.

Large swaths of the public believe the Trump myth. Across three surveys of eligible voters from 2016 to 2018, we found that as many as half of all Americans do not know that he was born into a very wealthy family. And while Americans are divided along party lines in their assessment of Trump's performance as president, misperceptions regarding his financial background are found among Democrats and Republicans.

Incomprehensible as it might be to political news junkies, nearly half of Americans, both Republicans and Democrats, don't know that Donald Trump was born into a very wealthy family. They believe the myth that Trump has pushed, that's he's a self-made man.

The truth is that his father, Fred Trump, who made his fortune as a real estate developer, set up his son Donald for success in the same business. Donald inherited \$413 million in today's dollars from his father. His father co-signed his business loans. Donald was a millionaire before he got out of diapers. And his father kept bailing him out with more millions each time one of his poorly conceived business ventures failed.

So what, you say?

Using a 2017 University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll, we found that believing Trump was not born "very wealthy" leads to at

least a 5-percentage-point boost in the president's job approval, even after considering the many factors that can influence public approval ratings. This shift is rooted in the belief that his humble roots make Trump both more empathetic (he "feels my pain"), and more skilled at business (he is self-made and couldn't have climbed to such heights without real business know-how).

And what happens when people who thought Trump was a self-made man learn the truth? Their views become less positive toward him:

For Democrats, who already see Trump as lacking empathy, this information makes them think of him as even less empathetic. But among Republicans, the information is even more damning, reducing perceptions of empathy by more than 10 percentage points...

On perceptions of business acumen, which are higher across both parties, the information regarding Fred Trump's role in his son's business success is equally important. Democrats reduce their perceptions of Trump as a good businessman by 6 points, while Republican perceptions decline by 9 points.

So here's something to keep in mind when dealing with a Trump supporter. Make sure they know he was born rich and that whatever wealth he has now wasn't the result of his "great deal making" or any kind of super business acumen on his part. He was given all the advantages in the world by his very wealthy father and fed money by him over and over again each time his business ventures failed.

Maybe all those handouts from his father spoiled any native business skill young Donald might have had until he'd burned all his bridges and couldn't borrow money from anyone anymore... and he had to turn to the Russians as the only ones still willing to keep giving him money.

He's not a self-made man who did good for himself. He's a Richie Rich who had everything given to him on a silver platter, and he still made bad.

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The US has fallen outside of the top 20 countries on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for the first time since 2011 (Picture: Getty)

A new index has named Somalia the most corrupt country in the world, while Denmark is the least.

Concerns have also been raised over the United States, as it fell outside the top 20 countries in the [Corruption Perceptions Index \(CPI\)](#) for the first time since 2011.

The index, released by Transparency International, measures public sector corruption in 180 countries and territories, using 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives to give each country a score from zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

The 2018 index is topped by Denmark and New Zealand, with 88 and 87 points respectively, while at the bottom is Somalia with 10, and Syria and South Sudan, both with 13.

More than two thirds of countries score below 50 in the index, with an average score of only 43.

This year's index also showed a drop for the United States, which it said was a key country to watch as it dropped four points to 71, marking the first time since 2011 that it has fallen outside the top 20 countries.

Zoe Reiter, Acting Representative to the US at Transparency International, said: "A four point drop in the CPI score is a red flag and comes at a time when the US is experiencing threats to its system of checks and balances, as well as an erosion of ethical norms at the highest levels of power.

"If this trend continues, it would indicate a serious corruption problem in a country that has taken a lead on the issue globally. This is a bipartisan issue that requires a bipartisan solution."

Transparency International said five of the nine sources used to compile the score for the US showed a noteworthy drop in score while the others showed no improvement.

It said since 2012, only 20 countries have significantly improved their scores, including Côte D'Ivoire, and 16 have significantly declined, including, Australia, Chile and Malta.

Transparency International said cross analysis with global democracy data had revealed a link between corruption and the health of democracies.

It said in 2016, the US was downgraded from a full to a flawed democracy in the Democracy Index and in 2018, the US received its lowest Freedom in the World Index score for political rights since 1972, when measurement began.

“Corruption chips away at democracy to produce a vicious cycle, where corruption undermines democratic institutions, and in turn, weak institutions are less able to control corruption,” said Patricia Moreira, Managing Director of Transparency International.

“Around the world, we need to do more to strengthen checks and balances and protect citizens’ rights, and the US is no exception.”

A survey published by Transparency International in 2017 showed that nearly six in ten Americans believed the US was more corrupt than the previous year, with the White House considered the most corrupt institution in the US.

“The expert opinion captured by the CPI supports the deep concern over corruption in government reported by Americans in our 2017 survey,” said Reiter.

“Both experts and the public believe the situation is getting worse.

U.S. DROPS OUT OF TOP 20 PERFORMERS IN GLOBAL CORRUPTION INDEX, WATCHDOG SAYS [U.S. MORE CORRUPT]

By Andrea Shalal

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[Reuters](#) • January 28, 2019

The U.S. flag flies near the Statue of Freedom atop the U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S. November 2, 2018. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst

By Andrea Shalal

BERLIN (Reuters) - The United States slid four points lower on a global corruption index in 2018, dropping out of the top 20 countries for the first

time since 2011, watchdog Transparency International said in a report that cited growing threats to democracy worldwide.

The group said its latest report on business leaders' perceptions of corruption put the United States at 71, down from 75, on a scale of 0-100.

That sounds a "wake-up call" about the need to tackle conflicts of interest, undue influence of the private sector and widening gaps between rich and poor, said Zoe Reiter, the watchdog's acting representative to the United States.

"This is a red flag because it's really part of a pattern that we've seen since the 2008 global financial crisis of a loss of trust ... in our public institutions," she told Reuters. "People don't see us as having adequate mechanisms in place to fight corruption and ensure the accountability of our elected officials."

GRAPHIC: Corruption Perceptions Index - <https://tmsnrt.rs/2HCFkgJ>

Concerns were already mounting before the election of Donald Trump, although they have been highlighted by the actions of a rich president who defied precedent to keep his personal tax affairs secret and retain his business holdings in office.

"Concerns around the Trump administration are quite serious, but this has been stewing for several years," she said. "Conflict of interest wasn't a new problem, but it was illuminated in its glory when you have someone who is basically breaking norms."

"Trump is a symptom not a cause. His presidency is illuminating some of the problems."

Denmark and New Zealand had the best scores on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) again in 2018, scoring 88 and 87, while Somalia, Syria and South Sudan remained at the bottom, with scores of 10, 13 and 13, TI said.

Overall, more than two-thirds of countries scored below 50 on the 2018 index, and the average was 43, said TI, which has more than 100 chapters worldwide.

The group said only 20 countries had significantly improved their scores since 2012, including Argentina and Ivory Coast. Sixteen others, including Australia, Chile and Malta, declined significantly in the same period.

The average score for EU and western European countries held steady at 66, while sub-Saharan Africa scored just 32, TI said. A score of 100 is considered "very clean", while a score of zero is highly corrupt.

TI said its analysis showed a clear link between having a healthy democracy and fighting public sector corruption, and cited declining scores for Turkey and Hungary, in connection with challenges to the rule of law and press freedoms.

Hungary's score dropped by eight points to 46 over the past five years, amid troubling developments including the forced departure of the Open Society Foundation and Central European University, founded by philanthropist George Soros, TI said.

Turkey's score dropped by nine points in the same period to a score of 41, as the country was downgraded to 'not free' on a democracy ranking, TI said.

"Corruption is much more likely to flourish where democratic foundations are weak and ... where undemocratic and populist politicians can use it to their advantage," said Delia Ferreira Rubio, who chairs the global civil society group.

(Reporting by Andrea Shalal; Editing by Peter Graff)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2018



The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 180 countries/territories around the world.

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86	Finland	3	84	Bahamas	29	82	Oman	53	81	Lesotho	78	78	Côte d'Ivoire	105
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Trump announces short-term deal to end shutdown, no wall money

President Trump announces that a deal has been reached to end the shutdown and reopen the federal government with a short-term funding bill until Feb. 15.

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The US government has been partially shut down for

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Trump sees the wall as a monument to himself

Michael Cohen delays testimony, citing 'threats' from Trump

SHUTDOWN WATCH •

The US government has been partially shut down for

30d 13h 18m 39s

Giuliani: Threats to Cohen's relative not obstruction [riiiiight son-of-a-mafia ghoulani, t_rump consigliere rudy]

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SON-OF-A-MAFIA, T_RUMP CONSIGLIERE RUDY Giuliani tries to clean up Trump Tower Moscow comments

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Lawmaker on Trump and Cohen: Feels like 'The Godfather' [It feels that way because it is typical new york/new jersey/mobster americana]

Trump's attorney said the President has no recollection of whether discussions about the proposed tower project went through the 2016 election

After BuzzFeed article, Trump legal team reached out to Mueller's office, Giuliani says



CNN

NYT: BuzzFeed News maintained that its report was accurate, its editor, Ben Smith, said after Mr. Mueller's office disputed the account. "We stand by our reporting and the sources who informed it, and we urge the Special Counsel to make clear what he's disputing," Mr. Smith [said on Twitter](#). ...In response, BuzzFeed said in its own statement, "We are continuing to report and determine what the special counsel is disputing. We remain confident in the accuracy of our report." Mueller's office learned Trump directed Cohen to lie to Congress through interviews with multiple witnesses from the Trump Organization, internal company emails, text messages and other documents, Buzzfeed reports.

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FBI agents arrest Roger Stone

breaking Mueller alleges Stone sought stolen emails that could damage Trump's opponents in coordination with campaign officials

FBI confronts Roger Stone: 'Open the door'

live updates How the FBI raid went down

Analysis: Stone arrest is a a huge moment in the Russia probe

live updates Sarah Sanders: Charges aren't related to Trump

Stone is sixth Trump associate charged in Russia probe

Opinion: There's no such thing as a 'down week' for Mueller

CNN reporter was there for Stone's arrest. Here's what happened

Shutdown causes slog at airports

Breaking - Flight delays at LaGuardia, Newark and Philadelphia are attributable to the shutdown, air traffic controllers association says

Christie: Trump has 'found himself saddled with riffraff' {Talk about the pot calling the kettles black desperate for a cush con job typical new york/new jersey con jobbers porcine porkers}

European court orders Italy to pay damages to Amanda Knox

The last food stamp payments just went out

Trump dared Pelosi to cancel his State of the Union speech. So she did.

Oversight Committee to investigate White House security clearances

House Foreign Affairs plans probe if Trump's businesses impact foreign policy

First came the trade war, then the shutdown, but Iowa farmers still back Trump

Air traffic controller: I can't last months like this

John Kerry to President Trump: Resign

Mostly to eat Billionaire Wilbur Ross 'doesn't understand' why unpaid federal workers need food banks Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross says he doesn't understand why federal workers are going to homeless shelters and food banks to get food.

Andrea Mitchell Reports Rep. Swalwell: Trump clearly obstructing and intimidating witnesses

Michael Cohen legal adviser: Giuliani is 'unstable'

Hallie Jackson Rep. Connolly: 'Of course' Trump's comments towards Cohen are witness intimidation

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Giuliani: Threats to Cohen's relative not obstruction [riiiiight son-of-a-mafia ghoulani, t_rump consigliere rudy]

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WHY DID MUELLER REFUTE THE BUZZFEED NEWS REPORT ON TRUMP & COHEN?

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What prompted Mueller team's rare rebuttal? What prompted the special counsel's team to publicly dispute reporting on the ongoing Russia investigation? The Washington Post's Matt Zapotosky joins Morning Joe to discuss. Jan. 21, 2019 {Wake up They're doing their usual; viz., laying a foundation for their coverup ... that's what they do and trump has done and does those deals which would be embarrassing if those doj slugs were capable of being embarrassed}

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Trump's attorney said the President has no recollection of whether discussions about the proposed tower project went through the 2016 election

After BuzzFeed article, Trump legal team reached out to Mueller's office, Giuliani says

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The President directed his attorney to lie to Congress about the Moscow Trump Tower project, two federal law enforcement officials involved in a probe tell BuzzFeed

Trump startled by cozy Barr-Mueller relationship

Acting attorney general's wife emails reporter that Mueller investigation is 'wrapping up'

Polls agree: Americans don't like shutdown and they blame Trump

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Cooper: Rudy Giuliani is gaslighting on collusion

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Supreme Court to discuss Mueller-related mystery case behind closed doors Frida

This BuzzFeed story may be the smoking gun

Trump directed Cohen to lie to Congress, sources tell BuzzFeed

BuzzFeed reporter talks about explosive Trump story

Democrats vow to investigate whether Trump obstructed justice

WaPo: No detailed records of 5 Trump-Putin meetings

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Trump cancels Davos trip

Breaking News**The announcement comes hours after the President denied Pelosi the use of a military aircraft for a war zone trip**

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John Brennan agrees: Trump is clear and present danger to U.S.

WSJ: Cohen paid thousands to rig polls in Trump's favor

Lemon: Giuliani 'out-Giulianied' himself

Rudy Giuliani can't say if Trump campaign aides colluded

Report: Trump called after Putin meeting to side with Russia's explanation for DNC hacks

Trump is fraying nerves inside the Pentagon

Opinion: Karen and Mike Pence's astonishing moral hypocrisy

MSNBC

Aides reveal Trump wants out of NATO, a dream of Putin

Watergate Lawyer: Mueller's Trump probe 'more serious' than Nixon

McFaul: Trump carrying out acts that are in 'Russia's interest as defined by Putin' Brennan on Trump hiding Putin convos: 'Never encountered a situation like this'

WaPo: US has no detailed record of Trump's meetings with Putin

FLIP FLOP Giuliani: 'I never said there was no collusion between campaign and Russia'

Opinion Trump's continued inability to comprehend the importance of NATO is disturbing

Rep. Joaquin Castro: If BuzzFeed report is true, Trump should resign or be impeached

[Come on...Of course it's true...typical americana at that...Why the surprise?Wake Up!]

Hardball

John Brennan: Trump acts like he has ulterior motives

POLITICO: Trump WH aide bemoans dealing with Giuliani's 'f--- ups'

Melania Trump vacations using gov't plane as Trump blocks Pelosi's flight
NBC News reports Melania Trump flew to Florida on a U.S. military plane on the same day Pres. Trump blocked Speaker Pelosi from using a U.S. military plane to visit U.S. troops in Afghanistan as the shutdown fight continues. John Heilemann and Sam Stein join Lawrence O'Donnell on the Trump shutdown latest.

Officials rejected Jared Kushner for top secret security clearance, but were overruled ... Jared Kushner was rejected for a top secret clearance by 2 career security specialists, but their supervisor overruled them and approved him, say sources.

'Low energy': Trump works less than most Americans

If Your Dog Eats Poop (Do This Every Day) Dr. Marty [Yes ... dogs eat feces, including their own yet another, among many reasons to prefer cats!]

Speaking of poop and dogs, Trump approval falls to 36 percent in new poll

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RUDY WON'T RULE OUT COLLUSION WITH RUSSIA!

'CONSTITUTIONAL CLOUD' OVER TRUMP HOTEL

Agency That Approved Trump's Hotel Lease Ignored The Constitution: Report

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RUDY STUNNER: MOSCOW TOWER TALKS TIL END OF ELECTION

UH OH! NOW BARR MEMO MEANS TROUBLE FOR TRUMP

BOMBSHELL REPORT: Witness Tampering In White House...

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Congress To Investigate Report...

PELOSI CANCELS TRIP: TRUMP LEAK, 'GRAVE THREATS'

Evangelical University Praises IT Chief Who Allegedly Partook In Trump Fraud

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Trump Touts Border Wall In San Antonio — It Has No Wall And Isn't On The Border

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The city is 150 miles north of Mexico.

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Biographer Michael D'Antonio: Trump's Reaction To Nancy Pelosi Proves He's 'Scared'

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The shabbiest U.S. president ever is an inexpressibly sad specimen

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Longtime Trump adviser Roger Stone indicted in Mueller probe

What did the president know, and when did he know it? By Jennifer Rubin

Nurse accused of impregnating woman in a vegetative state His DNA matched the baby's [sick america/americans]

Multiple people shot in hostage situation at Suntrust Bank in Florida 1-23-19

House Democrats to offer Trump more border security money — but no wall

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Calls escalate for Trump to end shutdown and trade war amid fears of economic slowdown

The mood is noticeably more somber as government, business and nonprofit leaders from around the world are gathering this week in Davos, Switzerland, for the annual World Economic Forum. By [Heather Long](#)

Trump's corruption keeps getting more obvious

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Trump and Pelosi take aim at each other amid stalled shutdown talks

Killing of 4 Americans in Syria raises questions over Trump's policy

The Fix: Giuliani just contradicted nearly all the Trump team's past collusion denials

The quintessential Trump campaign story: A bag of cash, Michael Cohen and a rigged online poll

Democrats vow aggressive investigations into report that Trump directed Cohen to lie to Congress

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Pelosi abandons Afghan trip, accuses Trump of increasing security risk

NYTIMES

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Roger Stone, Adviser to Trump, Is Indicted in Mueller Investigation

- **The longtime informal adviser to President Trump was charged with seven counts, including making false statements and witness tampering, according to the special counsel's office.**
- **Mr. Stone has spent decades plying the dark arts of scandal-mongering and dirty tricks to help influence American political campaigns.**

Senate Committee Subpoenas Cohen, Former Trump Attorney

- **The Senate Intelligence Committee's subpoena compels Michael D. Cohen, President Trump's ex-fixer, to formally correct false testimony from last year.**
- **It was disclosed a day after Mr. Cohen backed out of a public hearing in February before a House committee, citing verbal attacks by Mr. Trump.**

Pelosi Asks for State of the Union Delay, Escalating Border Wall Battle

Goldman Sachs is campaigning to convince the authorities that a former partner was a master con man.

The Shutdown Pelosi Delays Trip and Aides Accuse Trump Administration of Leaking Travel Plans

It has become, as one administration official put it, a one-issue White House. Jan. 22

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[Democrats Raise Border Offer to \\$5.7 Billion, if Government Opens Democratic leaders said they were prepared to match the amount requested by Mr. Trump, but only if the money was not used for a wall.](#)

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[Why can't Trump make deals? No one trusts him anymore](#)

Nearly halfway into his term, the president has left a trail of negotiating partners from both chambers of Congress, both political parties and countries around the world feeling double-crossed and even lied to. By [Noah Bierman](#)

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The indictment from special counsel Robert S. Mueller III said Stone had contacts with unnamed people in the Trump campaign about WikiLeaks. By [Chris Megerian](#)

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[Trump judge nominee, 36, who has never tried a case, wins approval of Senate panel](#)

What would a deal to end the LAUSD teachers' strike look like?

Big earthquake would topple countless buildings, but many cities ignore the danger

Michael Cohen delays congressional testimony, citing threats from President Trump

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Cohen says Trump directed him to pay for poll rigging

President Donald Trump's former "fixer" Michael Cohen said Thursday that he paid the head of a small technology company thousands in 2015 to rig online polls ... [CNN](#)

'The shutdown cost me everything': Furloughed workers descend on McConnell's office

Furloughed federal workers gathered outside of Senate Maj. Leader Mitch McConnell's (R-Ky.) office, bringing him their bills and urging him to re-open [The Washington Post](#)

Cohen Hired IT Firm to Rig Early CNBC, Drudge Polls to Favor Trump

In early 2015, the owner of a small tech company showed up at Trump Tower to collect \$50000 for helping Michael Cohen try to rig online polls in Donald ...[Wall Street Journal](#)

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Bloomberg rips Trump: 'totally incompetent'

The former New York City mayor delivered his most anti-Trump remarks since he called then candidate Donald Trump a "dangerous demagogue."

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Democrat Bloomberg says Trump is 'flunking' as president Former New

**York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg took his case against President Donald Trump for a test run on Friday, as the possible 2020 presidential ...
Reuters**

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Michael Cohen and bag of cash...

Scheme was carried out 'at direction and for sole benefit' of the president...

Set to publicly testify Feb. 7...

Michael Cohen black eye, arm in sling... *Hospital ID band?* [Obviously trump gangster/mobster threats carried out ... also, very hitlerian]

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Trump's disapproval ratings have reached record highs as the president refuses to back down from his border wall funding demands, sparking the longest government shutdown

Senate rejects bills to end government shutdown

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Trump's promises on China trade, steel and coal fall flat

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[Trump Official Overruled Experts Who Denied Jared Kushner Top Security Clearance: NBC](#)

A Trump administration personnel official overruled intelligence experts who

Cohen's legal adviser: Trump & Giuliani using mob-style intimidation
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Why do so many incompetent men become leaders?

Politics The Independent

Trump's Moscow Tower designs 'revealed in leaked documents' after Rudy Giuliani said 'no plans exist'

Blueprints for a luxury Moscow skyscraper and hotel bearing the name of Donald Trump have been published, a day after the president's lawyer insisted "no plans were ever made". In an interview with the New Yorker, Rudy Giuliani sought to downplay previous comments in which he told the New York Times and other media outlets over the weekend that discussions about a proposed Trump Tower in the Russian capital had continued throughout 2016. The comments were made amid claims Mr Trump had directed his then lawyer Michael Cohen to lie to congress about The Apprentice star's property dealings.

Michael Cohen postpones congressional testimony because of threats to family from Trump, Giuliani

CNBC

'Mr. Giuliani has committed a crime'

Trump ex-lawyer delays testimony over president's 'threats': attorney
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'Folded Like A Cheap Suit': Twitter Users Taunt Trump For Being 'Outplayed' By Pelosi

While the president regularly boasts that he has played a huge part in a better economy, new data shows his claims to not be true.

Rallies Trick You Into Thinking the Worst Is Over

By Michael Carr, Editor, *Peak Velocity Trader*

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How popular is Donald Trump? Latest polls, approval ratings and impeachment odds

The US Government shutdown - now the longest in history - is causing Donald Trump's presidential approval ratings to slide to their lowest level since April last year, according to the Telegraph's poll tracker. The tracker, which takes an average of the last eight polls, put Mr Trump's approval rating at 41 per cent, while 56 per cent disapprove of the way the President is doing his job. Despite the recent slide, the President's approval ratings have remained relatively stable during the past year. The period since Donald Trump's election has been packed with controversy and intrigue but, underneath it all, few people seem to have really changed their minds about America's 45th President. His approval rating quickly slumped in the chaotic days after assuming office, with Trump achieving a majority disapproval rating in a record of just eight days. A year in, he is far less popular than previous presidents at this stage of a presidency - but overall approval has generally remained above 40 per cent. Donald Trump approval rating tracker At the 100-day milestone, Gallup daily polling showed that just 40 per cent of Americans approved of the way Trump is handling his new job - compared to 55 per cent that disapprove. Historically, it has usually taken American presidents hundreds of days before they reach a majority disapproval rating. This has been the case for the last five presidents - with Bill Clinton lasting a record 573 days before more than 50 per cent of Americans disapproved of his presidency. But Donald Trump smashed this record after surging into the White House on a wave of anti-establishment anger. It took just eight days for him to gain a majority disapproval rating, according to Gallup, with 51 per cent of Americans saying they disapproved of the President on January 28, 2016. Trump has faced persistent allegations over Russian connections, fired the head of the FBI, launched tirades against the media, failed to push through

healthcare reform and has faced talk of impeachment. However, while there has been an overall drop in public opinion, the President's approval ratings have remained relatively stable since July, even an uptick following his handling of the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville and Hurricane Irma. Watch: How Donald Trump could be removed from office What are the latest impeachment odds for Trump? As it stands impeachment is still unlikely because it would require a majority in the House of Representatives to go to trial and a two-thirds majority in the Senate to make it happen. Although the House is now under Democrat control, the Senate remains in Republican hands, meaning that Trump's party would have to abandon him for him to be kicked out of office. However, the bookmakers aren't ruling out impeachment with the latest odds from Ladbrokes showing that there is a chance Trump will fail to make it to the end of his first term in office. Their latest odds are as follows: Impeachment by House of Reps this year: 7/4 To serve full first term: 2/5 The Telegraph's poll tracker takes an average of the last eight polls in order to take a full picture of the broad movements in the polling environment and not put too much weight on individual polls. Polls used are nationally representative with adequate sample sizes.

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SHUTDOWN HITS FBI: AGENTS STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE

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Sex seminar model who claimed to know Trump secrets deported from Thailand

Anastasia Vashukevich, who was arrested during a sex training seminar, said she had evidence of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

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The Congressional Black Caucus has expanded in size and clout

New Michigan Democratic administration steps up government ethics, LGBT protections, and more

This week in the war on workers: Los Angeles teachers can strike Monday, judge rules

Stacey Abrams continues the fight for Georgia, donating tons of money to state Democratic lawmakers

Trump has sat on billions of dollars meant for extreme storm mitigation in PR, USVI, LA, TX, and FL

Looking for a new craft beer? It may not be available, thanks to the government shutdown

Senate Republicans haven't voted on a single bill to reopen the government. Make them pay: Contribute \$1 to each of their 2020 Democratic challengers.

AG nominee won't say if he agrees with family separation because he doesn't 'know all the details'

Speaker Pelosi calls on Trump to delay State of the Union until government re-opens

Why it is absolutely vital that Donald Trump's translator testify before Congress

Ninja Nancy Pelosi is on a roll. Her letter to Trump is more proof

100,000 citizen co-sponsors needed: Sign the petition to pass the landmark bill to COMPLETELY UNDERCUT the Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling.

This 2017 video of Trump and Putin in Germany is going viral—with significant new context

Worried Republicans are questioning McConnell's political strategy in shutdown

Karen Pence begins teaching at a Virginia school that bans LGBTQ students and employees

Michael Strahan invites Clemson football team for lobster

Sole lawmaker to vote against King resolution says it didn't go far enough: 'We need to censure him'

Daily Kos is resisting Trump every single day. Can you chip in \$1 to support independent, progressive media?

Why does the Gillette ad trigger some men?

Fake 'Washington Post' placed around D.C. trolls Trump, claims he is leaving the White House

Trump's call-in to Fox News backfires, and he may have committed a felony in the process

Hillary tweets a reminder: 'Like I said: A puppet'

Sign the petition: demand the Justice Department to immediately investigate the reports of election fraud in Georgia.

WaPo: Trump concealed details of his conversations with Putin from senior officials

Democrats head to Puerto Rico to assess the 'shocking' reality while Republicans play political game

Newspapers should demand Trump resign. That's what they told Bill Clinton

How to overcome the biggest misconception people have about a 70 percent top marginal tax rate

Democratic Rep. Bobby Rush to introduce resolution formally censuring white supremacist Steve King

The Trump shutdown in action: TSA slips up big time, woman boards plane with gun and ammunition in Atlanta

Furloughed federal worker rations insulin, goes to bed not knowing if she'll wake up in the morning

Conservative pundit Max Boot: 'If Trump isn't actually a Russian agent, he is doing a pretty good imitation of one'

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the future of the Democratic Party, like it or not

Schumer to force Senate vote whether to continue Russian sanctions, overriding Trump administration

Republicans are starting to crack on the shutdown. Pile on the pressure: Chip in \$3 to 2020 Democratic U.S. Senate nominees in key states.

New polling shows America blames Trump for the shutdown—and possible cracks in Trump's base

Paul Manafort may know it's over—he gave up his law license

Barr: I won't be bullied into doing anything I think is wrong
[Anything he thinks is wrong wow ... talk about a low bar (pun intended); viz., <http://www.albertpeia.com/CIAAgentAffidavit1.jpg>]

William Barr: Vitally important Mueller finishes investigation

Trump AG nominee William Barr says Mueller wouldn't be involved in a 'witch hunt' [Nor a bitch hunt as traditionally the fbi norm promulgated by closet compromised homosexual j.edgar hoover (he hated those heterosexual Kennedys, liked johnson; hence, the lone gunman/no-federal jurisdiction coverup) trump mentor/mccarthyite/homosexual roy cohn, pussy-grabber trump what a total fraud and sick nation america truly is!]

John Brennan agrees: Trump is clear and present danger to U.S.

SON-OF-A-MAFIA, T_RUMP CONSIGLIERE RUDY Giuliani tries to clean up Trump Tower Moscow comments

Trump's attorney said the President has no recollection of whether discussions about the proposed tower project went through the 2016 election

After BuzzFeed article, Trump legal team reached out to Mueller's office, Giuliani says

Giuliani changes his tune on Trump Moscow deal

The White House attorney backtracks on his earlier claim that the president pursued the controversial deal throughout the final weeks of his campaign.

Ethical issues raised by Ivanka's trademarks in China

Bernstein: Trump has lied at every turn about Russia

House Judiciary chair: We'll subpoena Mueller report if necessary

MSNBC

MSNBC's Ari Melber Taunts 'Low Energy' Trump Over How Little He Works

The president has been watching a lot of TV and playing a lot of golf. By Ed Mazza

How does Donald Trump spend his days? MSNBC host Ari Melber looked at the records and found that much of the time, POTUS is not working.

"We're seeing a new low in presidential work ethic in contrast to recent presidents who kept far busier schedules," Melber said.

A look at Trump's schedule revealed that he "comes in late and golfs a ton." When he does arrive for work, "he spends a lot of time watching TV instead of working," Melber said.

"Most Americans work longer hours than this low-energy president," Melber added.

Trump and his backers at Fox News used to repeatedly slam President Barack Obama for playing golf.

"He's played more golf than most people on the PGA tour," Trump said of Obama in 2016.

But so far, Trump has spent far more time on the course than his predecessor. During his first two years in office, Trump spent 166 days at

a golf club, averaging 80 more days playing golf than Obama over his first two years.

Cohen delays testimony, citing Trump 'threats'

(CNN)President Donald Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen announced he is postponing his public congressional testimony that was scheduled for February 7, citing "ongoing threats against his family from President Trump" and his attorney.

"Due to ongoing threats against his family from President Trump and Mr. Giuliani, as recently as this weekend, as well as Mr. Cohen's continued cooperation with ongoing investigations, by advice of counsel, Mr. Cohen's appearance will be postponed to a later date," Cohen's attorney Lanny Davis said in a statement. "Mr. Cohen wishes to thank Chairman Cummings for allowing him to appear before the House Oversight Committee and looks forward to testifying at the appropriate time."

Republicans: Cohen lawyer says key topics off-limits for congressional hearing

Davis added, "This is a time where Mr. Cohen had to put his family and their safety first."

A source told CNN on Wednesday that Cohen's wife and father-in-law feel threatened by comments by the President and Giuliani, Trump's attorney.

Cohen's decision raises questions about whether he will ultimately testify publicly. He reports to prison for a three-year sentence on March 6. House Oversight Committee Chairman Elijah Cummings of Maryland declined to comment.

Giuliani appeared on news shows over the weekend including CNN where he called Cohen "a serial liar." On CNN's "State of the Union," host Jake Tapper asked Giuliani how Trump's repeated calls for investigation into Cohen's family members ahead of Cohen's previously scheduled testimony did not amount to intimidating a witness or obstruction of Justice.

"We are so distorting the system of justice just to get Donald Trump, it's going to hurt us so much," Giuliani responded. When Tapper asked if it

was OK to go after Cohen's father-in-law, Giuliani responded, "it is, if the father-in-law is a criminal."

Giuliani also said Sunday he did not know for sure if the President spoke with Cohen about his upcoming congressional testimony, but that it would not have been significant if Trump did.

"I don't know if it happened or didn't happen. It may be attorney-client privilege if it happened, where I can't acknowledge it. But I have no knowledge that he spoke to him, but I'm telling you I wasn't there then," Giuliani said.

He continued, "So what if he talked to him about it?"

Giuliani said as far as he knew, Trump had not had discussions with Cohen where Trump "told him or counseled him to lie."

This story has been updated with additional developments Wednesday.

[Rudy Giuliani: I am afraid it will be on my gravestone. 'Rudy Giuliani: He lied for Trump'](#)

[Trump tells Pelosi he'll be coming to deliver State of the Union on Tuesday](#)

POLITICO: Trump WH aide bemoans dealing with Giuliani's 'f--- ups'

[Giuliani's media blitz draws ire of Trump and some allies](#)

WSB-TV 2 Atlanta AP sources: Trump, others agitated by Giuliani's performance NEW YORK (AP) - Rudy Giuliani's latest...

[Trump's Pals Pretty Sure Rudy Giuliani Is Drunk For Those Crazy TV Interviews, But Trump Still Won't...](#)

The Inquisitr: Allies of Donald Trump want to see less of Rudy Giuliani on television due to their concerns about...

[Trump Is Reportedly Miffed by the Missteps of His Lawyer, Rudy Giuliani \(Newser\) – Rudy Giuliani's latest media blitz, filled with a dizzying array of misstatements and...](#)

[More news for Giuliani Drinking](#)

Trump feared Rudy Giuliani was 'drinking too much' before he ...

www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5705457/Trump...

Trump feared Rudy Giuliani was 'drinking too much' before he hired him claims 'Morning Joe' anchor Scarborough as president revealed to be frustrated with his attorney's performance.

Trump's Pals Pretty Sure Rudy Giuliani Is Drunk For Those ...

www.inquisitr.com/5262588/trump-rudy-giuliani...

January 23, 2019 Trump's Pals Pretty Sure Rudy Giuliani Is Drunk For Those Crazy TV Interviews, But Trump Still Won't Fire Him Allies of Donald Trump want to see less of Rudy Giuliani on television due to their concerns about his drinking, an AP report says.

Once Again, Morning Joe Unsubtly Suggests Giuliani Has a ...

www.newsbusters.org/blogs/nb/mark-finkelstein/...

C'mon, Joe, Mika & Co.—quit the giggling, middle-school worthy gossip, and put your cards on the table. As we noted here and here, for over two years now Morning Joe has been broadly hinting that Rudy Giuliani has a drinking problem.

The Troubling Part of Rudy Giuliani's Interview That Nobody ...

www.thenation.com/article/the-troubling-part-of...

Did you know you can support The Nation by drinking wine? ... Giuliani was asserting that the intent of the founders was that presidents not be distracted by the rule of law. Arguing that the ...

Trump Allies Want Giuliani Sidelined Because They Think He ...

www.mediaite.com/print/report-trump-allies-want...

12 hours ago · Giuliani has previously insisted he does not have an issue with drinking, denying to Politico last May that it affected his interviews. He added: "I may have a drink for dinner. I like to drink ...

Was Giuliani Drunk? – Dailey Musing

daileymusing.wordpress.com/.../19/was-giuliani-drunk

Initial reports drew the ire of many on the left, and shortly after the event a source implied that Giuliani had been “drinking a substantial amount” before taking the stage at Wednesday’s gathering.

[Trump Advisers Urge President to Bench Rudy Giuliani, Bar ...](#)

www.newsweek.com/rudy-giuliani-donald-trump...

9 hours ago · Trump Advisers Urge President to Bench Rudy Giuliani, Bar Lawyer from Appearing on TV After Drinking

[Joe Scarborough Accuses Giuliani Of 'Drinking Too Much ...](#)

www.liberalexaminer.com/2018/05/10/joe...

Giuliani then insisted to the news outlet that he was not a heavy drinker, claiming that he was merely a social drinker and does not have alcohol at inappropriate times of the day. “I’m not drinking for lunch,” he said. “I may have a drink for dinner. I like to drink with cigars.”

[Scarborough Suggests Giuliani's 'Drinking Too Much': 'Monkey ...](#)

www.mediaite.com/tv/scarborough-hints-giuliani...

Joe Scarborough ripped Rudy Giuliani on Tuesday, stating the former mayor’s extensive media tour belies the emptiness of his legal strategy to protect President Trump. As Morning Joe looked at ...

[Trump, others agitated by Giuliani's performance | Daily Mail ...](#)

www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6621863 · MULTIPLE White House aides are 'handling Rudy's f* ups' as Trump tires of 'cleanup on aisle Giuliani' – but doesn't plan to fire him even though allies fear he goes on TV after drinking**

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CNN Shutdown - 23d 13h 58m 26s

The Russia question Trump hasn't answered

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If he really didn't do anything wrong, then why did he make sure no records exist of his meetings with Putin?

Analysis: Trump's latest bombshells take spotlight

Trump lashes out everywhere after reports about Russia

Mueller should be allowed to finish report, Trump's AG pick says

Camerota on Trump: This news is mind blowing

Opinion: Trump is under Putin's thumb

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The Final Decline and Fall of america in Pictures

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Mueller probe

AG nominee: 'Vitaly important' Mueller completes Russia probe An excerpt of President Trump's Attorney General nominee Bill Barr said "it is vitaly important" that Special Counsel Mueller finishes his work on the Russia probe. NBC's Pete Williams reports. bill barr talk about deep state and schmoozers: <http://www.albertpeia.com/CIAAgentAffidavit1.jpg>

Trump denies being Russian sleeper agent as he rejects proposal to end government shutdown [WELL, IF PATHOLOGICAL LIAR TRUMP SAYS IT, IT MUST BE TRUE NOT! COME ON! GET REAL!]

Trump responds to bombshell report: 'I never worked for Russia' [WELL, IF PATHOLOGICAL LIAR TRUMP SAYS IT, IT MUST BE TRUE NOT! COME ON! WAKE UP!]

HUFFPOST

TRUMP DECLARES:

'I NEVER WORKED FOR RUSSIA!' [YEAH...WORKED FOR HIMSELF AT A PRICE BENEFITING HIM AND RUSSIA AND KEEPING 'CERTAIN THINGS' HUSH, HUSH WAKE UP!]

WASHINGTONPOST

Court filing in Manafort case shows special counsel's intense focus on Russia contacts

The court documents serve as a reminder that President Trump's White House bid was led for a time by a man with long-standing ties to powerful Russian figures.

- By **Rosalind S. Helderman** and **Tom Hamburger**

Trump denies working for Russia, calls past FBI leaders 'known scoundrels'

The president's comments came in response to reports that he was the subject of an FBI investigation after he fired then-Director James B. Comey.

- By **John Wagner** and **Karoun Demirjian**

NEWYORKTIMES

INVESTIGATIONS OF TRUMP

Attorney General Nominee Promises to Allow Mueller to Finish His Work

- **William P. Barr, President Trump's nominee for attorney general, sought to allay fears that he might end the inquiry by the special counsel, Robert S. Mueller III.**
- **But Mr. Barr also suggested that he was aware that he could not stop Mr. Trump from ordering him to shut down the investigation.**

LATIMES

First strike in 30 years leaves half a million L.A. students in limboThe Los

Angeles Unified School vowed to keep schools open, though it was unclear whether students would cross the picket line — or join it.

[FBI corruption probe of L.A. City Hall focuses on downtown development boom](#)

[PG&E to file for bankruptcy as wildfire costs rise. Its stock plunges 48%](#)

DRUDGEREPORT

trump APPROVAL RATING LOWEST IN A YEAR

[Trump says his wall would stop drugs, but traffickers in the cartel leader's trial say they don't smuggle through open parts of the border](#)

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- **Sometimes, a person holds onto a bad idea because he thinks that he has no other choice**
- **Three months ago today Hurricane Michael changed our lives forever on the Florida panhandle.**

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CNN

Former US ambassador to NATO: The US is 'no longer the most important actor'

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- **Most Americans blame Trump for shutdown**

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21d 14h 36m 19s

It's the longest shutdown ever. And Trump owns it.

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20d 10h 52m 3s

CNN analyst: It's like Trump's tweet was written by Putin

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The Beat with Ari Melber

'Art of the Deal' co-author: It's been fraud all along

Co-author of Trump's "Art of the Deal" says that it is "an accident of history" that Trump is president, and as a deal maker, "he's one of the worst I've ever come across."

Lawrence: Trump's 'big lie' collapsed today

On his way to the border to push for a wall, Donald Trump admitted to reporters that Mexico wouldn't pay '2 cents' to build the border wall. Lawrence looks at the end of a Trump lie. Jan. 10, 2019

HUFFPOST

PAIN: HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS MISS PAYCHECK

TRUMP'S NEW RECORD: LONGEST SHUTDOWN. EVER.

Trump's Border Wall Demand Has Kept Much Of The Government Shut For Over 3 Weeks

WASHINGTONPOST

After Comey's firing, FBI investigated whether Trump was trying to help Russia

In addition to a criminal investigation, the agency launched a counterintelligence inquiry after President Trump cited the ongoing Russia probe in his decision to fire then-FBI director James B. Comey. By [Devlin Barrett](#) and [Ellen Nakashima](#)

Government Shutdown: 21d 10h 55m 58s

White House eyes disaster money to help fund border wall under emergency plan

Trump kept details of meetings with Putin from senior officials in administration

There is no detailed record, even in classified files, of Trump's face-to-face interactions with Putin over the past two years, the officials said.

• **By [Greg Miller](#)**

NYTIMES

U.S.-Mexico Border

White House Considers Diverting Aid From Disaster Relief to Build Wall

LATIMES

Americans who fought alongside the Kurds in Syria feel betrayed by Trump

President Trump's decision to pull U.S. troops from Syria is viewed as a betrayal by American volunteers who fought alongside Kurdish militias there to oust Islamic State.

By David Kelly U.S. forces begin withdrawal from Syria

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John Brennan on shutdown: Trump "reaching into the authoritarian tool box"

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Ocasio-Cortez slams right wing site for publishing fake nude picture of her

White manager calls police on black kids for shoplifting, but they have the receipts

Texas pastor who prayed for Pulse club victims' deaths resigns because he's into prostitutes

Trump admin to moms suing for mental health counseling costs following family separation: nope

Mnuchin becomes first Trump official called by Democratic House to answer questions about Russia

Cambridge Analytica fined In UK, more on the way!

100,000 signatures needed: Demand no oil drilling or testing in the Arctic Refuge!

Amid shutdown, House Democrats push forward with sensible gun safety legislation

Government shutdown has 'inflicted real damage to our nation's aviation system,' industry warns

Look out, 2020 Senate Republicans—your voters do really hate this shutdow

Trump's PR stunt accidentally proves that his wall won't work

Pelosi to McConnell: 'Do you take an oath to the Constitution or an oath to Donald Trump?'

Maddow: Mnuchin 'complained' about briefing House leaders for whole hour and a half! Poor baby.

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FBI agents complain to Trump that shutdown undermines the bureau—maybe that's the plan?

Trump's advice on walls: 'If there's a concrete wall in front of you, go through it.'

Trump weighs raiding disaster relief funds from Puerto Rico and California to pay for his wall

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Mexican shelter says boy who later died in U.S. custody had been 'in perfect health condition'

Michael Cohen to testify in public before House Oversight Committee

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President Donald Trump may hype himself as a master dealmaker.

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Trump claims 'absolute right' to call emergency

Trump says he would like to reach a deal for the wall, but 'easy route' would be to call a national emergency

Trump: I will almost definitely declare national emergency

Trump: Democrats don't give a damn about crime

Trump claims 'obviously' Mexico isn't going to pay for a wall

Michael Cohen will testify before Congress Breaking News

Trump's former lawyer has agreed to testify publicly in a major first move from House Democrats investigating the President

MSNBC

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Steel prototype border wall can be cut through with household saw

Department of Homeland Security testing of the steel slat border wall prototype proves that it could be cut through with a saw. A photo exclusively obtained by NBC News shows the results of the test.

Trump in '04: 'If there's a concrete wall in front of you, go through it.'

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ANOTHER SHUTDOWN CASUALTY: FOOD SAFETY

WASHINGTONPOST

Government Shutdown: 19d 12h 3m 41s

Trump's dealmaking tactics fall short in standoff over border wall

Raging and weakened, Trump is losing control of events By G.Sargent

NYTIMES

The President And The Border

Heading to Border, Trump Suggests He May Declare Emergency to Fund Wall

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Trump vows he'll 'definitely' declare national emergency if Congress doesn't OK wall money

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- [Pelosi said it, president 'bye bye' thinks people should go ask their father for money](#)
- [Trump: Also we need a wall because border crossers have, um, faster cars than we do](#)
- [Republicans are starting to crack on the shutdown. Pile on the pressure: Chip in \\$3 to 2020 Democratic U.S. Senate nominees in key states.](#)
- [Hawaii is wonderful. Tulsi Gabbard, not so much.](#)
- [Red flag department, Trump's AG nominee couldn't be bothered to meet with Amy Klobuchar, other Dems](#)
- [Website pays out more than \\$250,000 to gamblers who said Trump would lie his face off](#)
- [Also revealed as one of Manafort Lies to Mueller: the Ukrainian Peace Plan](#)
- [100,000 signatures needed: Demand no oil drilling or testing in the Arctic Refuge!](#)
- [The humanitarian crisis at the border is not what Trump would have you believe](#)

- [Ocasio-Cortez: Migrant families seeking hope 'are acting more in the American tradition' than Trump](#)
- [Coast Guard support program suggests employees hold garage sales and babysit to pay for shutdown](#)
- [These maps show when each state legislative chamber is up for election](#)
- [United Nations grants refugee status to Rahaf Mohammed Alqunun, Saudi teen who fled her family](#)

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[Why the latest Manafort news is a very big deal](#) **Analysis**

[A redaction error led to a key revelation in the Mueller probe, and it's not one that should be taken lightly](#)

[Rosenstein plans to leave Justice Department soon](#)

[Analysis: Manafort filing hints at collusion](#)

[Santorum: Nobody wanted to work for Trump](#)

[Taxpayers will pay for wall, White House aide acknowledges](#)

MSNBC [Brian Williams](#)

[John Brennan: Mueller probably knows three times as much as we do](#)

HUFFPOST [W.H. FEELS SHUTDOWN HEAT — FROM *REPUBLICANS*](#)

WASHINGTONPOST

Government shutdown: 18d 13h 10m 34s

[Trump goes to Congress as GOP faces unity test over border wall money](#)

NYTIMES [The Shutdown](#)

[Trump to Meet G.O.P. Senators as Party Unity on Shutdown Frays](#)

LATIMES

[Some GOP lawmakers eye emergency declaration by Trump as way out of government shutdown](#)

How about COMMANDER FAILBOAT

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TRUMP INSTITUTE.....	FAIL			
TRUMP SHUTTLE.....	FAIL			
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL.....	FAIL			
TRUMP MARINA.....	FAIL			
TRUMP PLAZA.....	FAIL			
TRUMP TOWER TAMPA.....	FAIL			
TRUMP CLUB PANAMA.....	FAIL			
TRUMP MORTGAGE.....	FAIL			
TRUMP UNIVERSITY.....	FAIL			
TRUMP VODKA.....	FAIL			
TRUMP MAGAZINE.....	FAIL			
TRUMP/IVANA-Raped.....	FAIL			
TRUMP/MARLA-Adultery....	FAIL			
GOTRUMP.COM	FAIL			
TRUMP HOTELS & CASINO...	FAIL			
TRUMP BAJA RESORT.....	FAIL			
TRUMP PLACE.....	FAIL			
TRUMP SOHO.....	FAIL			
TRUMP STINKY COLOGNES...	FAIL		TRUMP ENT RESORTS.....	FAIL
TRUMP DOESN'T PAY BILLS..	FAIL		TRUMP SERTA MATTRESSES.	FAIL
TRUMP NYC MOBSTER TIES..	FAIL		TOUR DE TRUMP BIKE RACE	FAIL
TRUMP ICE OVERPRICED H2O.	FAIL		TRUMP THE GAME. Really.	FAIL
TRUMP ON THE OCEAN.....	FAIL		TRUMP USFL NJ GENERALS.	FAIL
TRUMP NEW MEDIA	FAIL	TRUMPED RADIO SHOW.....	FAIL	
TRUMP SOMETING GOES HER	FAIL	TRUMP TIES CHINESE.....	FAIL	
TRUMP SUED OVER RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND FAIR HOUSING ACT		TRUMP SHIRTS BANGLADESH	FAIL	
TRUMP INVOLVED IN OVER 3500 LAWSUITS & LOST MANY MANY	FAIL			
TRUMP LIED TO GSA ABOUT OLD PO DEAL IN DC.....	GRIFTER			
TRUMP INSULTS HISPANIC FEDERAL COURT JUDGE DISGUSTING	FAIL			
TRUMP INSULTS FEMALE STAFFERS AT HIS OFFICE.....	RUDE			
TRUMP REFUSES TO RELEASE TAX RECORDS WHY? 2015.....	FISHY			
TRUMP NEW LAWSUIT - ACCUSED OF RAPE OF A 13 YO.....	SCUM			

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So, "loves our nation" = supports shutting down the government to secure \$5 billion to build a border wall. This feels like a good place to end.

Trump: I'm prepared for shutdown to last years
In a meeting with top Democrats, the President said he could extend the shutdown 'to the election' in 2020

JANUARY 8, 2019

CNN

The President describes a national threat on the US border. His speech was often at odds with the facts

Cracks emerging among Senate GOP as Murkowski calls for end to shutdown

Billionaire has plan for post-impeachment America

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Jimmy Carter dismisses Donald Trump's wall lies with short and sweet statement

Trump's speech to be 8 minutes long, Democrats demand equal time

Cartoon: Smokey's shutdown survival guide

The Christian right could be irrelevant by 2024. Exvangelicals are working to ensure it

California's new governor starts with a bang: Proposes major ACA improvements and single payer ACA waiver

ExxonMobil takes another big hit as SCOTUS says Massachusetts AG has power to pursue oil giant

Republicans are starting to crack on the shutdown. Pile on the pressure: Chip in \$3 to 2020 Democratic U.S. Senate nominees in key states.

Here we go again: Media already previewing awful 2020 campaign coverage

Tennessee governor grants clemency to sex-trafficking victim sentenced to life in prison at age 16

Tornillo prison camp for migrant children set to shut down by month's end

Who is Rahaf Mohammed Alqunun? The Saudi woman seeking asylum with the world watching

100,000 signatures needed: Demand no oil drilling or testing in the Arctic Refuge!

States that spend more on libraries, parks, and highways have happier Americans says new study

In Montana, Native American students face persistent racial discrimination and it's killing them

Food stamp funding could run out, causing widespread hunger, if shutdown continues through February

CNN

[Opinion: This is presidential malpractice](#)

[Democrats block Middle East bill in the Senate over shutdown](#)

[Exclusive: TSA official warns of shutdown impact on security at California airport](#)

[Pilot: Shutdown adding new risk to air travel](#)

[Tapper debunks Trump's 'wall of lies'](#)

MSNBC

[Deadline White House](#)

[New Russia revelations surrounding Trump Tower meeting attendees](#)

President Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort shared campaign polling data with a Russian associate linked to Russian intelligence services —and lied about it.

[How can Trump sell the border wall using an argument built on lies?](#)

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[TONIGHT: LOOK OUT FOR TRUMP'S LIES](#)

[PENCE STRUGGLES TO DEFEND TRUMP BORDER WALL LIE](#)

[Pence Tried To Defend Trump's Lie That Past Presidents Supported A Border Wall](#) By [Marina Fang](#)

WASHINGTONPOST

Time since shutdown began: 17d 20h 23m 13s

[Trump expected to make a case for border wall in address](#)

NYTIMES

[What to Watch For in Trump's Immigration National Address](#)

In a speech at 9 p.m. Eastern time, President Trump will make the case for a border wall with Mexico, an issue that has forced a partial government shutdown.

His record of falsehoods, misstatements and exaggerations on the topic will likely be challenged as never before. Here are some of issues he faces.

We will fact-check the president in real time. Follow our coverage here.

LATIMES

Supreme Court refuses to shield mystery foreign company from Mueller's investigation

The reality on the border differs widely from Trump's 'crisis' description

JANUARY 7, 2019

CNN

The greatest trick Trump ever pulled Analysis

Trump was asked if he could relate to those not being paid because of the shutdown. His response was telling.

Breaking Trump to visit border amid shutdown, wall fight

Live Updates The shutdown isn't ending anytime soon

Sciutto fact-checks White House's border claim

Analysis: After boxing himself in, Trump escalates shutdown crisis

Don Lemon refutes Trump's wall claim with video

Opinion: The economic injustice behind the TSA 'blue flu'

Partial government shutdown has gone on for

16d 13h 37m 43s

MSNBC

Morning Joe

Morning Joe fact checks Trump's lies as shutdown enters third week

HUFFPOST

Kansas Lawmaker Says She Left Republican Party To Join 'Wave Of Common Sense'

By Hayley Miller

WASHINGTONPOST

Time since shutdown began: 16d 14h 14m 11s

Trump to visit U.S.-Mexico border amid shutdown stalemate

The visit comes amid the continuing partial government shutdown and President Trump's insistence that any funding bill to reopen federal agencies include \$5.7 billion for his border wall. By Felicia Sonmez and Josh Dawsey

The Fix: Democrats seek other ways to say, 'No border wall'

The Fix: Mulvaney squirms his way through Trump's claim that other presidents want a border wall

'No different from my original statements': Trump denies changes to Syria exit plan

The president said the military would leave at "a proper pace," a change from his promise of a swift departure for the more than 2,000 U.S. troops stationed in Syria. By Missy Ryan

The Daily 202: Trump's rashness is on display with Syria announcements

NYTIMES

the shutdown and the border

Trump Wants Prime Time Address on Shutdown and Will Visit Border

President Trump wants to address the nation about the government shutdown on Tuesday night, hoping to persuade Americans of the need for a border wall.

He also plans to travel to the border on Thursday, which would be the 20th day of the shutdown if an agreement is not reached in the

meantime.

At Weekend Meetings on Shutdown, Two Prayers but Little Progress

LATIMES

Newsom will vow to 'seize this moment,' swipe at Trump in today's inaugural address

California Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra begins new term promising to fight Trump policies

YAHOO

FAMOUS INVESTOR WARNS STOCKS COULD LOSE ANOTHER 40%

By Michael Carr, Editor, *Peak Velocity Trader*

Ray Dalio is a great investor.

According to CNBC, his Bridgewater Associates provided the largest cumulative net profit for a hedge fund firm ever. He has made at least \$49.7 billion for his investors.

His opinion is worth listening to. Right now, he believes we face tough times.

Dalio is a market historian and an economist. He says the debt cycle explains financial market performance. This cycle follows a pattern:

- 1. There's healthy debt growth.**
- 2. This goes too far, and we see a bubble.**
- 3. The bubble bursts.**
- 4. An economic contraction, or recession, follows.**
- 5. Sometimes the contraction ends, and we return to healthy growth.**
- 6. Other times, to restore growth, central banks push interest rates to zero.**

As Dalio explains: "Because you hit zero interest rates, monetary policy can't be the same. And they inevitably print money to buy financial

assets, pushing those financial assets up in value. And that is what we've been through.”

History shows this sixth stage rarely happens. The first time was from 1929 to 1933. The second time was in 2008.

Both times, central banks propped up the economy a little. They also supercharged financial assets.

Dalio says: “The period that we are now in looks a lot like 1937.”

This is not good news for investors ...

Half of investment-grade bonds are only one step away from junk status

Stock-market investors, it's time to hear the ugly truth

Freshly inaugurated California governor Gavin Newsom calls Trump White House corrupt and incompetent

JANUARY 6, 2019

CNN

- [Trump again floats 'national emergency' idea to secure funds for wall](#)
- [Schiff: Trump's emergency tactic a non-starter](#)
- [Opinion: Trump's worst nightmare?](#)
- [Ocasio-Cortez blasts GOP 'hypocrisy'](#)
- [Ocasio-Cortez not alone on dance floor](#)
- [Trump says he's 'in no hurry' to name permanent Cabinet replacements](#)
- [Fareed's take: The world according to Trump](#)
- [Schiff plans to make interview transcripts 'fully available' to Mueller](#)

MSNBC

[David Gura](#) [Who will blink first to end the shutdown?](#) Negotiations continue to end the partial government shutdown, with the White House refusing to budge from its \$5.7 billion budget for the wall. Guest host Joshua Johnson and a panel of guests discuss.

HUFFPOST

[MULVANEY: SHUTDOWN LIKELY TO 'DRAG ON A LOT LONGER'](#)

[SHUTDOWN STALEMATE THREATENS FOOD AID FOR *MILLIONS*](#)

[Millions Could Lose Food Assistance If Government Shutdown Continues](#)

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By [Amy Russo](#)

WASHINGTONPOST

[Trump's 'emergency powers' threat reveals the GOP's dismal state](#) By [Jennifer Rubin](#)

NYTIMES

[Trump Says 'Not Much Headway' in Talks as Shutdown Enters Third Week](#)

Negotiations between Vice President Mike Pence and congressional aides from both parties yielded little progress on Saturday.

Another meeting was scheduled for Sunday, though there was little hope of any breakthrough.

LATIMES

No shutdown end in sight as Trump again suggests invoking emergency powers to build border wall

Daily Kos Recommended

Plan is bubbling up among Senate Democrats for breaking Trump, McConnell on shutdown

White House lawyers are now discussing whether not having a stupid wall is a national emergency

Trump claims 'some' former presidents support his wall, but Joe Biden can't think of a single one

Daily Kos straw poll: Who's your pick for 2020?

Torture apologist Liz Cheney weighs in on somebody else saying a swear word

Social worker who duct-taped shoes surprises friends by leaving \$11 million to children's charities

Daily Kos is resisting Trump every single day. Can you chip in \$1 to support independent, progressive media?

'Fear. It's just plain, flat-out fear.' Trump's shutdown sends federal workers to food pantries

Ocasio-Cortez stands up to critics of Rep. Tlaib's impeachment f-bomb: 'I got your back'

Trump's 'concession': He wants even more money, but wall can be steel instead of concrete

Show Republican senators you want the government shutdown to end without funding for Trump's wall. Contribute \$3 each to their 2020 Democratic challengers.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says there's 'no question' Trump is a racist. Only Republicans are shocked

Thanks to Trump's war on DACA, Rhodes scholar may not be able to come back to the only home he knows

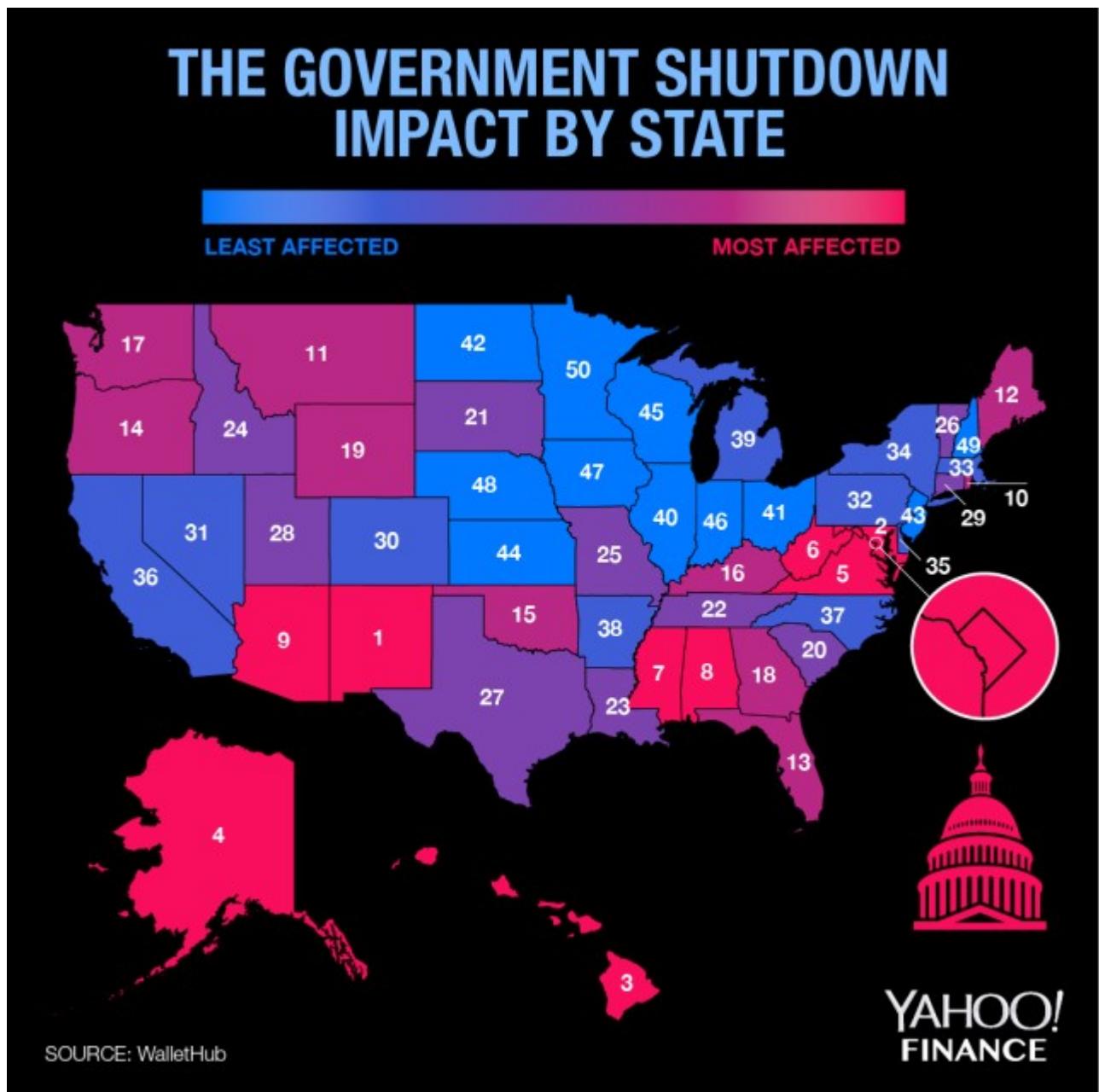
Muslim youth pick up litter in national parks to clean up Trump's government shutdown mess

Daily Kos Staff Picks

- **Daily Kos staff looks back at some of their favorite posts from the past week.**
- **House Democrats have plan to end shutdown, Republicans accept all the blame for continuing it**
- **Joe Biden might be your favorite wisecracking uncle, but he's not your Democratic savior for 2020**
- **A very strange special election for the number two post in America's biggest city is about to unfold**
- **Trump's attacks on the media make independent, progressive outlets like Daily Kos more important than ever. Can you chip in \$1 to support our work?**
- **Kentucky Republicans wonder if unpopular governor will pull plug on re-election bid**
- **Rep. Jeffries draws standing ovation with impassioned intro—'Nancy Pelosi is just getting started!'**
- **What's left for Robert Mueller in 2019? Donald Trump.**
- **Sign the petition: No border wall. Re-open the government now!**
- **Trump's year of ignominy: His top five worst moments of 2018**
- **Leaked 'comedy' audio reveals Louis C.K. mocking Parkland shooting survivors, queer youth, and more**
- **As student debt skyrockets, 61 college presidents make seven-figure salaries. Wait, what?**
- **Sign the petition: Remove discriminatory barriers that hold students back and end period poverty now.**
- **Repeated errors cost hundreds of people their homes—now Wells Fargo wants to buy their silence**

- **'We're here for them': Chef's restaurants still feeding federal workers affected by Trump shutdown'**
- **History is made as Congress finally begins to look like America**
- **This Week in Statehouse Action: Auld Lang Sine Die edition**
- **Local elected officials are an underappreciated front in the resistance**
- **Daily Kos Elections presents our comprehensive guide to the 116th Congress, complete with many maps**
- **Romney's criticism of Trump has caused the GOP to lose what's left of their G#* &!D#! minds**
- **Trump's attacks on the media make independent outlets like Daily Kos more important than ever. Can you chip in \$1 to support our work?**
- **Another Trump attorney raided by the FBI, Chicago Ald. Ed Burke charged in attempted extortion case**
- **The first election 2019 is ON TUESDAY and winning it is the first step to flip the Virginia state Senate. Give \$3 to support Jennifer Boysko**
- **A telling response from the whitehouse.gov contact page**
- **Meet The Press learns to call 'Bullshit!'**
- **Kathy Griffin has the best response to Ocasio-Cortez DanceGate**
- **Apparently, Trump was just as incoherent on The Apprentice**
- **Kellyanne Conway's husband torches Trump on Twitter. Again.**
- **Homeland Security secretary issues nasty, peeved statement after death of second child in US custody**
- **Trump approved extra \$129M to help House investigate Hillary. Now Pelosi has it.**
- **Terminally ill Harry Reid minces no words about himself nor Donald Trump**

- Trump has literally trashed Washington, D.C., the nation
- Mark Harris, Repub who fraudulently "won" in NC District 9, will not go to Congress
- Horrific video shows white man attacking black female McDonald's employee over a straw
- Add your name: Tell Republicans to do their jobs and end the shutdown NOW
- Mattis leaves a chilling farewell letter to DOD employees
- Pelosi mocks Trump over his Wall, Steel Slats, or 'beaded curtain or something'



YAHOO NEWS

Politics HuffPost [Fox News' Chris Wallace Shreds Sarah Huckabee Sanders Over Border Terror Claims](#) WH press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders on Sunday continued to push

U.S. Yahoo View

[Defense Department's Chief Of Staff Has Resigned](#)

Kevin Sweeney's announcement comes just weeks after Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced his retirement.

Pentagon Chief of Staff Kevin Sweeney Resigns [Fortune](#)

Chief Of Staff To Defense Secretary Resigns 5 Days After Departure of James Mattis [HuffPost](#)

Politics HuffPost [Trump Calls Those Who Don't Support His Wall 'Criminals'](#) President Donald Trump insisted again in a tweet Saturday that there is

Trump shut down government to break promise that Mexico pays for wall: Top Dem [ABC News Videos](#)

Trump Renews Threat to Declare Emergency Over Border Wall [Bloomberg](#)

GOOGLE NEWS

[US Economy Is 'Complete Facade,' Says Economist Who Claims Recession Is Near](#) The US economy will likely enter a recession in 2019, claims David Rosenberg, the chief economist at Canadian investment firm Gluskin Sheff. CCN “The market is behaving as it did during the worst collapse for the market since 1929 and/or the worst recession since the Great Depression,” Rosenberg wrote at [Business Insider](#). “The Fed is over-reached.”

To paraphrase [Warren Buffet](#): ‘If this isn’t a bear market, then what is it?’

DRUDGEREPORT

SHUTDOWN: WEEK 3...

Third longest -- with no end in sight...

Pence negotiates with Dem AIDES...

MULVANEY: Trump offering to shift from wall to fence...

Signals some compromise...

President inclined to declare national emergency...

NBC: Inmates eat steak; Prison workers go unpaid...

Airport security screeners calling in sick...

Millions face food stamps cut...

CNN

JANUARY 5, 2019

Trump wants to call it a 'strike,' not a shutdown

In a profanity-laced outburst, the President told lawmakers he won't back down on his \$5.6B demand for a wall, sources say

Pay raises frozen for Pence, Cabinet members

MSNBC

Rachel Maddow

Trump admin corruption facing new accountability from Democrats

Rachel Maddow

Trump White House indifference to legality invites corruption

HUFFPOST

JUMPING SHIP

Record-Breaking Number Of Americans Want To Get Out Of U.S. Forever

By Amy Russo

'NOBODY KNOWS MORE'

MSNBC Trolls Trump With His Most Ridiculous Boasts By Lee Moran

Check out Trump's repeated claims to know "more than anyone" about pretty much everything in the world – including drone technology, campaign finance, the military, the courts, social media, trade, banking, money, the economy and "the system"

WASHINGTONPOST

Pence holds White House meeting, but an end to shutdown seems unlikely The meeting was to include congressional aides, not the lawmakers whose sign-off would be needed for any deal. And Vice President Pence did not have President Trump's blessing to float new or specific numbers, according to two Trump aides.

NYTIMES

The Border Wall: How a Potent Symbol Is Now Boxing Trump In

- **What started out as a memory trick for an undisciplined candidate has become the central priority of the Trump presidency.**
- **Now, President Trump's fixation with a border wall — the material embodiment of his keep-them-out immigration agenda — has run headlong into the new realities of divided government.**

LATIMES

Trump and Democrats meet again on shutdown but remain far apart on his border wall demand The president and top Democrats each put the burden on the other to end the stalemate, now two weeks old. By **Eli Stokols** and **Jennifer Haberkorn**

GOOGLENEWS

Turkey seeks 'major' US military assistance in Syria: WSJ News report comes as Turkey plans to spearhead the fight against ISIL in Syria amid expected withdrawal of US troops. Aljazeera.com

John Bolton to meet with Turks to discuss announced U.S. withdrawal from Syria Turkey has a list of 'concerns and expectations' it will present to the national security adviser. **The Washington Post**

YAHOO NEWS

Politics HuffPost [Record-Breaking Number Of Americans Want To Get Out Of U.S. Forever](#) President Donald Trump may have staked his campaign on making America great

U.S. Refinery29 [New Year, Same Old Shady Dealings: Ivanka May Have Violated Conflict-Of-Interest Law](#) Ivanka's schedule has not been made public, so each week, we will do our best to cover the public events and forums she attends, the meetings she has with lawmakers and government officials, and her social media presence. • Ivanka posted a happy birthday wish to her brother Don Jr. with a very '90s #tbt photo. Ivanka is preparing to launch a global women's economic development initiative in 2019, according to USA Today.

Politics Bloomberg

[Powell Says He Wouldn't Resign at Trump's Request](#) Trump has repeatedly criticized the Federal Reserve interest rate increases under Powell and last month privately discussed firing Powell following the central bank's most recent rate hike. Powell, speaking Friday at an American Economic Association meeting in Atlanta, deflected a

Politics Fortune [Trump Tweets That Democrats Want to Impeach Him For Being 'Too Successful'](#) [yeah, that's precisely what hitler would have said to such a suggestion]

Politics HuffPost [Record-Breaking Number Of Americans Want To Get Out Of U.S. Forever](#)

Politics Yahoo View [Report: Legal jeopardy halting Trump Org. expansion plans](#) Former US attorney Joyce Vance, Rev. Al Sharpton, WaPo's Jackie Alemany and Philip Bump and MSNBC contributor Charlie Sykes on report detailing the toll investigations surrounding Trump are taking on his family run businesses

JANUARY 4, 2019

Trump and leaders face off over shutdown

Speaker Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer speak after discussing a border wall and shutdown with Trump

Some Republicans tell McConnell to cave

Pence and top political aides set to get raises during the shutdown and federal pay freeze

Trump tries to build case for wall ahead of shutdown meeting

Nancy Pelosi quotes Reagan, calls out GOP for not clapping

Federal worker's message for Trump, Congress

Partial government shutdown has gone on for

13d 13h 44m 5s

Hundreds of TSA screeners calling out sick

The federal employees are required to work without paychecks through the partial government shutdown

Trump says he could keep shutdown going for months or years

CNN reporter presses Trump: Why isn't Mexico paying?

MSNBC

Hallie Jackson

Brennan: I'm hoping republicans realize Trump is unfit for office

Rachel Maddow

Maddow: Trump curiously well versed in specific Russian talking points

Rachel Maddow reviews instances when Donald Trump parroted Russian narratives on international affairs in a way that seems oddly out of character from Trump's typical presentation of how he understands the world.

HUFFPOST

Mike Pence Says Trump Won't Budge: 'No Wall, No Deal'

WASHINGTONPOST

Trump says he is considering declaring national emergency to build border wall

President Trump amplified his rhetoric about border wall funding after a White House meeting that Democratic leaders characterized as lengthy and contentious. Earlier, the White House scrambled to unify Republicans who showed impatience with the partial government shutdown. By

Seung Min Kim, Erica Werner and Josh Dawsey

The Fix: Here are all the ways the government shutdown could end

Analysis: The inflated numbers being used to argue for a border wall

Pence and top Trump appointees to get raises as federal workers go without pay during shutdown

Vice President Pence and hundreds of senior political appointees are about to receive raises of about \$10,000 beginning Saturday, according to documents and people with knowledge of the matter. By [Peter Whoriskey](#) and [Lisa Rein](#)

Analysis

[This shutdown is already one of the longest ever. Here's how others ended.](#)

NYTIMES

[U.S. Government Trump Threatens Shutdown Lasting 'Months or Even Years,' Schumer Says](#)

- **[President Trump and congressional leaders failed again to break a deadlock that has kept the government partially shut down for two weeks.](#)**
- **[The top Senate Democrat said Mr. Trump threatened to keep agencies closed for "months or even years."](#)**

LATIMES

[While federal workers go without pay, senior Trump administration officials poised to get \\$10,000 raises](#)

MARKETWATCH

[BREAKING Democrats, Trump fail to strike deal to re-open government](#)

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US NATIONAL DEBT RISES \$2 TRILLION UNDER TRUMP

By [Lydia DePillis](#), CNN Business

[US national debt reaches a new high under Trump - cnn.com](#)

<https://www.cnn.com/.../trump-us-national-debt/index.html>

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[National debt jumps \\$1.2 trillion in fiscal year 2018](#)

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/national-debt...>

In addition to the \$1.2 trillion increase in the national debt in the last fiscal year, it took a little more than six months for the debt to rise from \$20 trillion to \$21 trillion.

[Under Trump's watch, national debt tops \\$21 trillion for ...](#)

When Mr. Trump took office on Jan. 20, 2017, the national debt was \$19.9 trillion, according to U.S. Treasury data. Since then, the GOP-led Congress has passed a \$1.5 trillion tax cut bill and a ...

[Donald Trump adds \\$1 trillion to national debt in 14 months ...](#)

Trump goes silent on national debt while racking up \$1 trillion in 14 months ... that will add at least \$2.4 trillion to the debt in the next ... staggering \$3 trillion if interest rates rise back ...

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- **[Trump's attacks on the media make independent outlets like Daily](#)**
- **[Racists meltdown after newly elected Congresswoman swears oath on Thomas Jefferson's copy of Koran](#)**

- **Trump tells Schumer he can't work with Democrats to reopen government because 'I would look foolish'**
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- **First crack in the shutdown (besides the one in Trump's head) R-Sen calls for CR to open gov't NOW.**
- **Video of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez dancing in college shocks AOC-obsessed right wing—and nobody else**
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- **New Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D) plans to ignore lame-duck power grab, tells Republicans: Sue me**
- **House Democrats to scrap rule Republicans used to target nonpartisan budget analysis**
- **Democrats to seek 10 years of tax returns for presidential nominees in sweeping legislation**
- **House Democrats hand the Senate a way out of this mess, but Mitch McConnell won't let them take it**
- **Rachel Maddow and former Amb. to Russia McFaul discuss Trump's use of Kremlin talking points.**
- **A few members of The Resistance walk into a hair salon (personal story)**

Nancy Pelosi bombshell: Trump can be indicted in office

Democrats take power in the House and will now lead the investigating, issuing of subpoenas and scrutinizing of the Trump administration. Nancy Pelosi in her first day of House Speakership says the indictment of a sitting President is an open possibility.

'Impeach the motherf-----': Newly elected Democratic congresswoman vows to come for Donald Trump

Rashida Tlaib Won't Back Down on Her Trump Criticism

The Cut

Trump: How do you impeach a president as successful as me?

New Year, Same Old Shady Dealings: Ivanka May Have Violated Conflict-Of-Interest Law

U.S. Refinery29 Ivanka's schedule has not been made public, so each week, we will do our best to cover the public events and forums she attends, the meetings she has with lawmakers and government officials, and her social media presence. Ivanka is preparing to launch a global women's economic development initiative in 2019, according to USA Today.

Politics HuffPost

Trump Threatens To Continue Government Shutdown For 'Months Or Even Years'

Continuing negotiations over the government shutdown and funding for his wall

Democrats approve new budget plan to end shutdown - without funds for wall

The Telegraph

Politics HuffPost Trump Says Country Wants Border Wall, But That's Not What Polls Say

President Donald Trump insisted again Thursday that there's "so much support"

Huntington To Assist Federal Employees During Government Shutdown

[PR Newswire](#) Is the partial government shutdown impacting US cyber security?

BusinessCNBC ['We are in a sick market,' warns veteran trader Art Cashin](#)

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These Dems will make life harder for Trump

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Trump's comment leaves CNN panel dismayed

With some enthusiastic assistance from her grandchildren, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California smiles as she casts her vote for herself to be speaker of the House on the first day of the 116th Congress, at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019. (AP/J. Scott Applewhite)

Nancy Pelosi officially elected House speaker

House Speaker designate Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) talks to journalists following a meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and fellow members of Congress about border security at the White House January 02, 2019 in Washington, DC. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

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[Defying veto threat, House approves bills to reopen agencies and deny wall funding](#)

Democrats passed measures denying money for President Trump's border wall while funding federal agencies that have been closed since Dec. 22. But Trump has promised a veto and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said his chamber will only take up spending legislation that the president supports.

- **By [Erica Werner](#), [Damian Paletta](#) and [Seung Min Kim](#)**

116th Congress

[Pelosi reclaims House speaker's gavel as spending fight simmers](#)

By the end of the day, Rep. Nancy Pelosi and the Democratic-controlled House plan to push through legislation to reopen the federal government. But the measure has been declared dead on arrival in the GOP-led Senate.

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Nancy Pelosi Elected Speaker as Democrats Take Control of House

- **Representative Nancy Pelosi, the only woman to hold the post of speaker of the House, reclaimed the gavel that she lost in 2011.**
- **Her election came on Day 13 of a government shutdown, and her handling of an increasingly combative President Trump will likely define the 116th Congress.**

Ms. Pelosi posed for pictures with her family on the Speaker's balcony before the start of the 116th Congress. Erin Schaff for The New York Times

Latest Updates on the New Congress

Scenes from the Capitol and a look at Congress's "transformative" freshman class. Also, Ms. Pelosi's remarks in an interview about indicting or impeaching President Trump.

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Nancy Pelosi regains the House speaker's gavel as Democrats confront Trump over partial shutdown

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The freshman class of House Democrats is already making waves

They are far younger and more diverse than their predecessors. They've also shown a willingness to buck party and cast aside time-honored Washington precedents.

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Nancy Pelosi says President Trump could be indicted

During an appearance on NBC's "Today," newly re-elected House Speaker Nancy Pelosi remarked on the possibility of special counsel Robert Mueller indicting the president

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Trump debuted a Game of Thrones-inspired poster of himself in a meeting, and it's insane even for him

As in, the president of the United States brought a Game of Thrones-inspired poster to a cabinet meeting and prominently displayed it on the table in front of him. The poster featured a photo of himself and the words "Sanctions Are Coming."

Trump still using fake Game of Thrones poster that HBO scolded him about

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Trump Brought a Game of Thrones Meme to His First Cabinet Meeting of 2019

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[Dow Downturn Shows Economy is 'Going into a Recession': Gluskin Sheff Strategist](#)

The Dow Jones Industrial Average and other major stock market indices have posted steep declines during the second trading day of 2019, extending a downturn that saw them post their worst December returns since 2008. According to the top economist at Canadian wealth management firm Gluskin Sheff, these losses may have only been the beginning.

Economy heading for significant slowdown, economist says
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<https://www.coasttocoastam.com> Founder and Director of the Trends Research Institute, [Gerald Celente](#), talked about emerging trends for 2019, and what he sees on the horizon for the US. Though the stock market may temporarily boost back up, this year will see a global slowdown, a veritable "Economic 9/11," he declared. Banking and finance stocks have already been hard hit, such as Deutsche, Citigroup, Morgan Stanley, and Goldman Sachs losing significant value, and home sales and prices are also down in many markets.

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- **A new day—and a new Congress—is here, and Democrats are officially taking the House!**

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- **Fake LGBTQ youth hotline set up by Russian election trolls**
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The President insisted he wouldn't accept anything less than \$2.5 billion for his long-promised border wall

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- **The President made his first appearance in the White House briefing room -- but it wasn't a press briefing**
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Democrats pass bills to reopen government

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Supreme Court teed up to act on mystery Mueller-related grand jury case

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Mika: Trump digs himself, GOP into a very big hole

Mika Brzezinski sets the stage for the new year as the Democrats are set to take over the House and John Kelly is set to leave his post and the president is set to host a meeting on border security with congressional leaders.

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Harry Reid: Trump Is 'The Worst President We've Ever Had' By Marina Fang

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They plan to get answers on the conflicts of interest and corruption plaguing the Trump administration.

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The leader of North Korea says he may need to pursue 'a new way' if US tests his country's patience

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The move, which lacks support from Senate Republicans and President Donald Trump, is unlikely to be successful.

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Don't expect retired Army Gen. David Petraeus to replace Gen. Jim Mattis as

Retired Gen. David Petraeus Says He Wouldn't Serve in the Trump Administration

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'Hold fast, alongside our allies': Read Jim Mattis' farewell letter as he leaves Pentagon

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[Retired Gen. Petraeus Puts Rumors To Rest About Serving in Trump Administration](#)

Retired Gen. David Petraeus said he would not come out of retirement to replace his friend Jim Mattis as President Trump's Secretary of Defense. Time's Mercer Morrison has the story.

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[Trump Contradicts Himself On Border Wall In Tweets 11 Minutes Apart](#) During President Donald Trump's frenzy of tweets Monday, he appeared to freak out as usual

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Don't blame the rats abandoning the USS Trump

- **By Dana Milbank**

Trump turned the White House into a madhouse

- **By Richard Cohen**

Trump asks for meeting with lawmakers ahead of new Congress's start

The president invited congressional leaders to the White House for a briefing on border security as the partial government shutdown hit its 11th day.

Trump used the first day of 2019 to insult a retired U.S. commander in Afghanistan as a dumb loudmouth, sing the praises of an ultranationalist former aide and tell America to “ENJOY THE RIDE.”

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Mitt Romney: The president shapes the public character of the nation. Trump's character falls short.

Trump's flop on North Korea: Pompeo and GOP cheerleaders are unmasked

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Opinions

The 10 worst things Trump did in 2018

President Trump stops to answer journalists' questions on the White House lawn on Nov. 20. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

By Marc A. Thiessen Columnist January 2 at 3:41 PM

Here are the 10 worst:

10. His comment about “sh--hole” countries blew up negotiations for a deal that would have given Trump his border wall. Nearly a year ago, the president made a bold offer to Democrats — putting not just legal status but also a path to citizenship for nearly 1.8 million young illegal

immigrants on the table. Then his abhorrent comment undermined Democrats who were serious about cutting a deal and gave those who were not a pretext to walk away.

9. His offensive tweets continued to undermine his presidency. Calling former White House aide Omarosa Manigault Newman “a dog” and Stormy Daniels “Horseface” — among countless offensive tweets — is not just unpresidential, it drives away potential supporters who like his policies but then are reminded how much they don’t like Trump.

8. His misuse of power turned critics into martyrs. Revoking former CIA director John Brennan’s security clearance and CNN White House correspondent Jim Acosta’s White House press pass turned partisan critics who were embarrassing themselves into victims — and gave them an even greater platform from which to attack him.

7. He drove away suburban voters and caused the GOP to lose control of the House. That’s because the president has sought to energize his base in ways that drive those voters away. If he wants to win reelection, Trump needs to bring suburban Republican voters back into the GOP fold.

6. His graceless handling of Sen. John McCain’s funeral was a new low. Trump didn’t like McCain, but when you’re the president, sometimes you must honor people you didn’t like. McCain was an American hero. Trump’s inability to muster a kind or generous word reflected poorly on the president.

5. His handling of Jamal Khashoggi’s murder harmed America’s moral standing. Trump is right that a permanent breach with Saudi Arabia is not acceptable, because there is no other country in the Middle East that can serve as a counterweight to Iran. But it was unseemly to declare that “It’s all about ‘America First’ ” and “We’re not going to give up hundreds of billions of dollars in orders.”

4. His news conference with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki was an embarrassment. His meeting with the Russian president came on the heels of Russia’s attempted assassination of a dissident on British soil using banned chemical weapons and the indictment of 12 Russians for 2016 election meddling. Instead of condemning these actions, Trump publicly sided with Putin over his own intelligence community.

3. His policy to separate migrant children from their families at the southern border was an avoidable tragedy. There is nothing wrong with a zero-tolerance policy for illegal crossings. But his administration's failure to anticipate and prepare for how to deal with migrant families was gross negligence — a symptom of the chaos that is undermining his presidency.

2. His planned withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan is a gift to the Taliban and al-Qaeda. In 2017, my Top 10 Best list praised Trump for reversing President Barack Obama's disastrous withdrawal, which he said "would create a vacuum for terrorists." But in December, Trump ordered the military to start planning the withdrawal of roughly 7,000 troops — about half the number of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. The news came just as U.S. officials were holding talks with the Taliban whose No. 1 demand is ... the withdrawal of U.S. forces. Hardly the "art of the deal."

1. His pullout of all U.S. troops in Syria will take America's boot off of the terrorists' necks. Trump's claim that "we have defeated ISIS in Syria" is as bad as Obama's dismissing them as the "J.V." squad. The Islamic State still has up to 30,000 fighters in Iraq and Syria and about \$400 million in their coffers. The Islamic State is not defeated, and not one member of Trump's national security team agrees with his decision to withdraw. If he lets the Islamic State off the mat like Obama did in Iraq in 2011, our nation will pay a terrible price.

...Trump's approval rating at year's end is just 39 percent — because most Americans don't follow politics with the sound off.

[Trump claims there's a 10-foot wall around the Obamas' D.C. home. He is wrong \(trump caught lying again\).](#)

[Democrats' shutdown strategy ushers in new era of divided rule — and a dare to Trump](#)

The House Democrats' plan to pass measures to reopen nearly all of the government will force President Trump and Senate Republicans to take their deal or prolong the shutdown.

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['They're not asking permission to do things': Democrats brace for robust freshman class](#)

Days before the start of the new Congress, the Democratic freshman class is unified, but tensions have emerged that could test Rep. Nancy Pelosi's leadership.

- By [Elise Viebeck](#) and [Paul Kane](#)

[Family of American arrested in Russia on spy charges fears for his safety: 'His innocence is undoubted'](#)

Paul Whelan, a 48-year-old retired U.S. Marine, was detained last week in Moscow by Russia's domestic security services. Relatives said Whelan was visiting for a friend's wedding; Russian authorities said he was on a "spy mission."

- By [Amie Ferris-Rotman](#)

[House Democrats' plan to reopen government would deny wall funds](#)

A stopgap spending bill would continue existing border funding without giving President Trump the wall money he wants, while other legislation would reopen agencies closed in the partial shutdown. Democrats will try to pass the bills when they take control of the House on Thursday.

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Trump Spurns Deals to End Shutdown Before Meeting With Democrats

- **President Trump rejected a deal that his vice president floated last month to stave off a funding lapse.**
- **He also declined suggestions from Republicans reviving a compromise on immigration ahead of a meeting with Democrats on Wednesday.**

COULTER: Trump 'Will Fold'...

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Democrats Have a Plan to End the Shutdown. Will Trump Negotiate?

- **The proposal, which will come up for a vote on Thursday, severs homeland security funding from other spending measures that enjoy bipartisan support.**
- **Democrats are essentially daring President Trump to keep a big chunk of the government shuttered over his demand for a border wall.**

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Democrats Plan Bill With No Wall Funding, Testing Trump's Will on Shutdown

- **The spending measures, which include funding through the end of the fiscal year, are expected to pass the House.**
- **But the Senate is still controlled by Republicans, who have indicated they would not vote on a bill that does not have the president's support.**

U.S. Politics

Elizabeth Warren Announces She Is Running for President

- **Senator Warren, a Massachusetts Democrat, said she was forming a presidential exploratory committee, which allows her to raise money and hire staff before a formal kickoff.**
- **She's the first major candidate in what is likely to be a long and crowded primary marked by ideological and generational divisions in the party.**

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[House Democrats plan to vote Thursday to reopen government — with no border wall money](#)

The bills will not provide any money for President Trump's border wall, meaning the government shutdown that began before Christmas is likely to continue. By [Sarah D. Wire](#)

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Analysis

[A year of unprecedented deception: Trump averaged 15 false claims a day in 2018](#)

He made nearly three times as many false or misleading claims in 2018 than during his first year as president.

- **By [Glenn Kessler](#)**
- [Fact Checker's ongoing database of the false or misleading claims made by Trump](#)

MSNBC [msnbc](#)

[John Kelly talks to the L.A. Times about his tough time in the Trump White House](#)

HUFFPOST

[MCCHRISTAL WOULD PASS ON OFFER FROM 'SHADY' TRUMP](#)

WASHINGTONPOST

Federal government shutdown enters second week with no resolution in sight

Republican officials try to pin blame on Democrats, but they are not budging as GOP debates what exactly constitutes a border "wall."

- **By Mike DeBonis**

The Fix

Analysis

John Kelly paints yet another dim portrait of Trump

In an exit interview with the Los Angeles Times, the departing White House chief of staff echoes what other top Trump administration officials have said publicly and privately: President Trump is someone who needs containing.

- **By Aaron Blake**

Fact Checker: Trump's year of unprecedented deception

Former U.S. commander calls Trump dishonest and immoral

NYTIMES

A death in Gaza

A Day, a Life: When a Medic Was Killed in Gaza, Was It an Accident?

- **When an Israeli soldier killed Rouzan al-Najjar, Palestinians called her an innocent martyr and Israel portrayed her as a threat.**

Kelly Says Idea of Concrete Wall Was Abandoned Long Ago

The departing White House chief of staff's comments come as a partial government shutdown caused by a fight over a border barrier drags into a second week.

Deciphering the Patterns in Trump's Falsehoods

We review how President Trump bent the truth this year by repeating and inflating falsehoods, shifting his statements, embellishing or omitting details, and offering misleading attacks.

Politics

LATIMES

John F. Kelly says his tenure as Trump's chief of staff is best measured by what the president did not do

By Molly O'Toole

With no end in sight to the shutdown, Republicans continue to try to maneuver around Trump

One-quarter of the government is shut down, and about 800,000 federal workers are either working without pay or on furlough.

By Laura King

Almost nothing paid off for investors in 2018, as the bull market headed to the slaughterhouse

By Jim Puzzanghera

DECEMBER 29, 2018

CNN Report: Manafort pressured by Russians to pay back debt while Trump's campaign chair

Doctors say Sanders isn't telling the truth

See a visualization of President Trump's multiplying false claims

11 countries will move forward with a huge trade deal- without the US

Trump issues order freezing federal workers' pay in 2019

The move comes as 800K federal employees expect to begin the new year out of work or working without pay

- **Partial government shutdown has gone on for 7d 16h 30m 59s**

- [Departing senators sound the alarm](#)

YAHOO Congress Is Still Pulling \$174,000 Salaries During the Government Shutdown

[Lawyer: Investigators gathered evidence of undocumented immigrants who say they worked at Trump club](#)

The interest by the FBI and New Jersey officials indicates they may be launching a probe into the hiring practices at the president's club.

- By [Emily Wax-Thibodeaux](#)

Politics Yahoo View

Business GOBankingRates

[Warren Buffett Measures Success With This Four-Letter Word { S**T }](#)

Anyone can use this piece of Warren Buffet advice.

MSNBC

[The Last Word](#)

[Trump approval at record low as country blames him for shutdown](#)

HUFFPOST

[Trump Blocks Federal Workers' Pay Hike While They're Out Of A Job](#)

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[College Wrestler Leaps Into Icy Lake To Rescue Cat](#)

By [Hilary Hanson](#)

[Darden Schurg admits the move was dangerous, but said, "I felt it was only right."](#)

NYTIMES

[Mr. Trump has a well-documented problem telling the truth. These are the patterns in his falsehoods.](#)

YAHOO NEWS

WorldThe National Interest [China's New Submarine-Launched Nuclear Missile Can Hit the U.S.](#)

With just an estimated 300 nuclear warheads compared to the approximately 7,000 fielded by both the U.S. and Russia, China's nuclear arsenal is comparatively small. But even a few Chinese H-bombs could wreak tremendous damage to the United States.

Politics Rolling Stone

[Taxpayers Are Subsidizing Mar-a-Lago's New Year's Eve Party Despite Trump's Shutdown](#)

The pres. doesn't care about the 800,000 workers who won't receive paychecks during gov't shutdown

DECEMBER 28, 2018

Politics HuffPost

[Don Lemon Says Trump's 2013 Call For Obama To Be 'Fired' Over Shutdown Is 'Priceless'](#)

Politics Rolling Stone

[Cell Phone Records Show Michael Cohen Was Near Prague When Alleged Meeting with Russia Took Place](#)

Politics Yahoo Lifestyle

[Ilhan Omar slams Trump for possibly revealing top secret military information: 'He literally can't get anything right'](#)

Rep.-elect Ilhan Omar took to Twitter to call out the commander in chief: "He literally can't get anything right, can he?"

Ex-general criticizes Trump troop visit turned 'rally'

[A former top U.S. military commander criticized President Trump, saying that his Iraqi air base visit improperly used U.S. troops for partisan purposes.](#)

['We didn't need a political rally'»](#)

Politics Yahoo View

[Trump's wall demands clash with campaign rhetoric](#)

CNN

Explosion lights up New York sky in shades of blue

BREAKING

Multiple fires erupted after 'transformers tripped offline' in Queens, power company says

The oldest man in the US dies

HUFFPOST

TRUMP'S PLAN:

THERE IS NO PLAN

GOOGLENEWS

Trump Got The Shutdown He Wanted But Doesn't Seem To Have A Plan To End It

With virtually no talks going on, House and Senate Republicans seem content to let the shutdown carry into next year, when Democrats take control of the ...[HuffPost](#)

Trump now claims most furloughed workers 'are Democrats'

President Donald Trump fired off the tweet early Thursday morning as the government shutdown entered its sixth day. [NBC News](#)

Here's why Trump really hates Fed rate hikes

Every time the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, it costs President Trump money, Yahoo Finance's Rick Newman writes.

What every quarter-point increase costs»

Politics Gizmodo

Russia Tests New Hypersonic Missile System Under Direct Orders From President Putin

Russia tested a new hypersonic glide missile system today under direct orders from President Vladimir Putin, according to reports from Russian state media. The new system, called the Avangard, utilizes an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) a

<http://albertpeia.com/russiadvancedmissile.gif>

CNN A social media post highlights a new vulnerability that could put the Secret Service on edge

- **Trump misleads about military pay raises again**
- **Don Lemon calls out Trump lying to troops' faces**
- **Iraqi politicians, lawmakers denounce Trump visit, troop presence**
- **Analyst: Trump confused Iraq trip with rally**

MSNBC

Troop pay raises, and the top 10 Trump fibs of 2018

HUFFPOST

MSNBC Beats Fox News In Key Ratings For First Time In 17 Years

Trump Brags To Troops About A Fictional Giant Pay Raise He Got Them

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Economy & Current Events Commentary

First-hour guest, former ABC investigative correspondent **Greg Hunter** offered commentary on the economy and current events. The two biggest problems in the world, he suggested, are enormous debt and enormous fraud. Globally, the debt has increased by 100 trillion since the 2008 crisis, he pointed out, while fraud is off-the-charts in the economy, Internet metrics are often faked, and \$21 trillion disappeared or is unaccountable from the US government coffers. He also warned that Deutsche Bank stock is falling and if the bank fails it could have cascading effects on the general economy.

Fact check

[Kremlin Ignores Evidence in Calling US Meddling Reports 'Unfounded'](#)

Polygraph.info

[Will 2018 See the First Christmas Full Moon Since 1977?](#)

Snopes.com

[Donald Trump claims Russia is 'not happy' US troops are leaving Syria. That isn't true \[Duh! \]](#)

PolitiFact

[Schiff: Trump endangering 'rule of law' \[Ya think ... Double Duh! \]](#)

President Donald Trump is jeopardizing “the rule of law” by discussing his legal situation with acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker, Rep. Adam Schiff ...

[POLITICO](#)

Business CNBC

[We are now in a Bear Market - here's what that means](#)

Bear markets are defined by a 20 percent decline or more from a recent high but they're also marked by overall pessimism on Wall Street.

Dow, stocks end sharply lower on Christmas Eve after weekend of Washington, D.C., turmoil

[USA TODAY](#)

What to Do Now If You're Losing Sleep Over the Stock Market

[Kiplinger](#)

Anak Krakatau volcano erupts before and after tsunami – video

The sound of explosions can be heard in dramatic video filmed the day before to a deadly tsunami which struck parts of Indonesia.

The Guardian

Tsunami kills at least 222 in Indonesia, sweeps band off stage after volcano eruption

A tsunami struck Indonesia virtually without warning, killing at least 222 people, sweeping away members of a pop band performing on a beach. Hundreds of ...

Fox News

Politics MarketWatch

Trump Today: President blames Democrats for shutdown, Fed for Wall Street selloff and unwilling ‘allies’ for Syria pullout

President Trump on Monday kept trying to pin blame for a government shutdown on Democrats, said the only problem with the economy is the Federal Reserve and continued to defend his much-criticized military pullout in Syria. Playing the blame game President Donald Trump

Trump is incompetent, impulsive and amoral. Heaven help us all.

- By **Eugene Robinson**

Wonder how the Trump administration would handle a financial crisis? Well, now we know.

- By **Catherine Rampell**

Politics FOX News Videos

Democrats have 'no incentive whatsoever' to negotiate deal before the end of the year

Former White House deputy chief of staff to President George W. Bush Karl Rove breaks down the political fallout from the partial government shutdown.

Top Trump aide says government shutdown may go into New Year

Reuters

Government shutdown threatens federal workers' holiday plans

Yahoo View

BusinessCNBC

We are now in a bear market - here's what that means

A “bear market” is when stocks see a 20 percent decline or more from a recent high - but they’re also marked by overall pessimism on Wall Street. Since World War II, bear markets have lasted 13 months on average, and stock markets tend to lose 30.4 percent of their value. During those conditions it usually takes stocks an average 22 months to recover, according to analysis from Goldman Sachs and CNBC.

Business CNBC

'The worst is yet to come': Experts say a global bear market is just getting started

In the U.S., the Nasdaq Composite closed in a bear market on Friday. Globally, Germany's DAX and China's Shanghai Composite have also entered bear territory.

Politics HuffPost

Lindsey Graham Doubles Down On Wall Funding: 'We're Not Going To Give In'

Turning up the heat on day one of the federal government shutdown, Sen.

Trump spends Christmas Eve shutdown 'all alone,' tweeting his frustrations

Yahoo News

Trump Sees Winning Hand as Critics See Presidency Spiraling Down

Bloomberg

Trump spends Christmas Eve tweeting about grievances

TRUMP

CHRISTMAS CHAOS

Trump Pins Syria Hopes On Turkish Leader Close To Putin And Wary Of

U.S. Allies

XMAS EVE STOCK PLUNGE

U.S. Stocks Fall Sharply Ahead Of Christmas Holiday

By ALEX VEIGA, AP

'ALL ALONE...'

Twitter Users Brutally Mock Trump For Self-Pitying 'Poor Me' Tweet

By David Moyer

Bloomberg Rips 'Senselessly Chaotic' Trump, Demands GOP 'Start Showing Some Spine'

DECEMBER 27, 2018

WASHINGTONPOST

Time since shutdown began:

5d 16h 9m 10s

[Shutdown likely to extend into 2019 as Congress punts until Democrats take over House](#)

With lawmakers still at an impasse over President Trump's demand for billions of dollars for a border wall, House members were told they would not be expected back for votes this week, and the Senate was expected to follow suit, handing the job of reopening the government to House Democrats in January.

- **By [Erica Werner](#), [Paul Kane](#) and [Felicia Sonmez](#)**

NYTIMES

[Politics Trump Unites the Left and the Right Against His Plans in Syria and Afghanistan](#)

- **[The withdrawal of troops from both conflicts will force the U.S. to rethink military commitments that are no longer effective.](#)**
- **[But the way President Trump made his decisions short-circuited the debate over the future of America's wars, our correspondent writes in a news analysis.](#)**

LATIMES

[Trump, visiting troops in Iraq, makes false claims about raising military pay](#) The president also stated — incorrectly — that he had authorized the first military pay increase in a decade.

By [Eli Stokols](#)

CNN

[The House and Senate has adjourned until next week, ensuring the partial shutdown will almost certainly continue into 2019](#)

1. **[No signs of a deal to end partial government shutdown](#)**
1. **Partial government shutdown has gone on for**

5d 18h 19m 47s

1. [**GOP lawmaker: Dems are misreading Trump if they think he'll compromise on wall**](#)
1. [**GOP lawmaker: It could be a long shutdown**](#)
1. [**Feinstein requests Senate hearing after 2 migrant children die in US custody**](#)
1. [**Judge denies DOJ request to delay deadlines in asylum case**](#)

DRUDGEREPORT

STOCKS WILD

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Headlines

US shutdown impasse over Trump's wall drags on

A partial US government shutdown is likely to continue into next week amid an impasse over funding for President Trump's proposed Mexico border wall.

BBC News

Trump: 'Most of the people not getting paid' in shutdown are Democrats | TheHill

President Trump early Thursday resumed his feud with Democrats on Capitol Hill over funding for a border wall, claiming that most of the hundreds of thousands ...

The Hill

[Shutdown set to extend into new year after Congress punts on budget, border votes](#)

Washington all but gave up Thursday on resolving the partial government shutdown before the New Year, as lawmakers were told not to expect votes this week ...

[The Washington Post](#)

[How Democrats can claim infrastructure, immigration as their issues | TheHill](#)

In 2019, House Democrats should spend time legislating, and investigate Trump's conduct and decisions only when truly necessary.

The Hill

Opinion

[Partial government shutdown: Trump's approval rating drops to Charlottesville levels](#)

Trump's fight for the border wall is tanking his approval rating.

Vox

DECEMBER 26, 2018

[DAY 5: SHUTDOWN IMPACT GROWS](#)

[After Christmas, The Government Shutdown Is Just Getting Started](#)

By Nomaan Merchant, AP

Politics The Root

[Either Trump's Daddy Helped Him Dodge Draft or 'Bone Spurs' is the Medical Diagnosis for Cowardice: Report](#)

It is well-known that Trump suffers from the debilitating disease Bitchnicca-itis, which prevents him from performing such presidential duties as firing his staff in person or standing up to Vladimir Putin. Because of his illness, it took him nearly 2 years to visit US soldiers in a

war zone, and a recent flare-up of the ailment made him the first president since 2002 to not visit the troops on Christmas, NBC reports.

[Daughters of late doctor claim father diagnosed Trump with bone spurs to help him dodge draft](#)

[AOL.com](#)

[Daughters of late podiatrist say he diagnosed Donald Trump with bone spurs during Vietnam War as a 'favor'](#)

[Yahoo Lifestyle](#)

**TRUMP PROMISED TO RUN
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CNN [Trump says no plans for troop withdrawal in Iraq](#)

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[Trump Brags To Troops About A Fictional Giant Pay Raise He Got Them](#)

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[The Latest: House plans no more votes this week on shutdown](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Latest on the partial government shutdown (all times local):

Trump's border wall standoff keeps govt. shutdown alive

[Yahoo Finance](#)

The Shutdown Could End Tomorrow But Dealing With Trump Is Like Negotiating With a Criminal

[The Root](#)

How Trump's rough stretch is hitting cable news stars

[A stretch of negative news for President Trump has coincided with a drop in viewers for some of his most prominent cable TV backers.](#)

[Rivals see bigger audiences»](#)

Trump, in surprise visit to US troops, says Iraq could be used as a base for potential future missions in Syria

- **Lawmaker calls Trump's comments in Iraq 'inappropriate'**
- **In photos: President Trump's surprise trip**
- **Trump's message on Christmas Day: 'It's a disgrace'**
- **Opinion: The man who said Emperor Trump has no clothes**
- **After shock of Mattis' resignation, some see a different narrative**
- **Trump's acting secretary of defense will step into role with no foreign policy, military experience**

DECEMBER 25, 2018

Time since shutdown began:

3d 16h 15m 42s

Trump vows not to reopen government until wall funding is secured

The president defended his plan to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and cast doubt about the performance of Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell after a sharp downturn in U.S. stock markets.

- **By Philip Rucker and Lenny Bernstein**

As impasse continues, workers worry about paying the bills
The Debrief: An isolated Trump unleashes a storm of Yuletide gloom

Economic growth is slowing around the world, feeding a financial sell-off
Political turmoil in nations with leading economies — epitomized by the partial shutdown of the U.S. government and street protests in France — is further feeding investor anxiety.

- **By David J. Lynch**

Time since shutdown began:

3d 23h 38m 50s

Trump vows not to reopen government until wall funding is secured

The president defended his plan to build a border barrier and cast doubt about the performance of Fed Chair Jerome H. Powell after a sharp downturn in U.S. markets.

- By [Philip Rucker](#) and [Lenny Bernstein](#)

[Migrant child, 8, dies in U.S. custody](#)

Doctor's daughters claim '68 Trump diagnosis was bogus

[Bone spurs kept Donald Trump from being drafted into the Vietnam War. New allegations cast doubt on the veracity of that condition.](#)

['I know it was a favor'»](#)

[Trump's 'poor me' Christmas Eve tweet draws mockery as 800,000 federal workers go without pay](#)

By [Laura King](#)

- [Trump tells boy that believing in Santa Claus at 7 is 'marginal'](#)
- [Trump voices confidence in Mnuchin and the Fed after stock market tailspin](#)

THEN CNN REPORTS: [Trump again complains about Fed in downbeat Christmas greeting](#)

DECEMBER 24, 2018

WASHINGTONPOST

[Markets fall 650 points at closing as Trump pins blame on the Fed](#)

The decline marked one of the worst Christmas Eves ever for U.S. stocks. President Trump tried to assign sole blame for the sell-off to the Federal Reserve, likening the central bank to a golfer who "can't putt."

- By [Thomas Heath](#) and [Philip Rucker](#)

[Analysis: Google searches for 'recession' are the highest they've been since November 2009](#)

Analysis

The Trump administration tried to calm markets. It backfired.

Many economists warned that the president's obsession with the stock market would be a big problem. In recent days, it's become apparent why.

- By [Heather Long](#)

Netanyahu's coalition dissolves Israeli parliament, will hold snap elections

The prime minister's government was significantly weakened by the Nov. resignation of Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman, a key coalition partner.

- By [Ruth Eglash](#)

MARKETWATCH December 24, 2018

The stock market just booked its ugliest Christmas Eve plunge — ever

dow

21,792.20

-653.17

-2.91%

nasdaq

6,192.92

-140.08

-2.21%

s&p 500

2,351.10

-65.52

-2.71%

WASHINGTONPOST

DECEMBER 23, 2018

Time since shutdown began:

1d 12h 27m 38s

'Very possible' shutdown could last into new year

Time since shutdown began:

0d 14h 41m 38s

[No progress on shutdown as Trump warns of 'long stay'](#)

[A recession is coming. Trump is going to make the recovery worse.](#)

- By [Catherine Rampell](#)

[Trump's absurdity has cast a pall over the holidays — and the future](#)

- By [Kathleen Parker](#)

[No votes scheduled; shutdown likely to last through weekend](#)

Few lawmakers were in the Capitol building Saturday, having been assured of 24 hours notice before any vote. President Trump tweeted: “We are negotiating with the Democrats on desperately needed Border Security ... but it could be a long stay.”

- By [Paul Kane](#) and [David Weigel](#)

The Debrief

[‘He takes no ownership’: Trump eschews responsibility for a shutdown he once craved](#)

After vowing to “take the mantle,” the president seeks to foist blame on Democrats.

- By [David Nakamura](#)

[Trump breaks with predecessors, rallies conservatives for shutdown](#)

BREAKING NEWS

The government shuts down in

0d 2h 46m 56s

[Shutdown assured as Congress adjourns without deal](#)

[Funding for several key government agencies to lapse at midnight](#)

The partial shutdown comes amid an impasse between President Trump and Democrats over billions in funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

- By [Erica Werner](#), [Damian Paletta](#) and [John Wagner](#)

[What happens during a shutdown: Late paychecks, closed museums and more](#)

A guide to the ways people across Washington and the country could be affected.

- By [Mark Berman](#) and [Lisa Rein](#)

DECEMBER 20, 2018

WASHINGTON POST

BREAKING NEWS

[Trump won't sign bill to avert government shutdown, House Speaker Ryan says](#)

President Trump will not commit to signing a bill that would avoid a partial government shutdown, his press secretary said, further roiling a debate that has split Republicans.

- By Erica Werner,, [Damian Paletta](#) and [Mike DeBonis](#)
- [U.S. stocks drop deep on concerns over government shutdown](#)

**The government shuts down in
0d 10h 12m 23s**

[McConnell says he supports bill with border money after meeting with Trump](#)

President Trump and Senate Republicans met ahead of votes in the chamber on a House measure that would keep the government open and allocate billions for Trump's promised wall. Earlier, Trump warned of a "very long" shutdown if Democrats opposed the House bill.

- By [John Wagner](#) and [Damian Paletta](#)

Analysis

[Sarah Sanders said 'all of America' wants the wall. That's just not true.](#)

A recent Quinnipiac University poll found that more than half of Americans oppose the project.

- By [Philip Bump](#)

[Mattis resigns after clash with Trump over Syria withdrawal](#)

President loses defense secretary who had won widespread praise

Jim Mattis's surprise resignation came a day after President Trump overruled his advisers, including Mattis, and shocked American allies by announcing the pullout.

- **By Paul Sonne, Josh Dawsey and Missy Ryan**

'A sad day for America': Washington fears a Trump unchecked by Mattis

Mattis's conclusion that he could no longer work with Trump is likely to alter foreign policy more than any other departure.

- **By Greg Jaffe and Karoun Demirjian**
- **A timeline of departures**

Trump orders major military withdrawal from Afghanistan

The president has directed the Pentagon to devise a plan to withdraw nearly half of the 14,000 troops deployed there.

- **By Dan Lamothe, Josh Dawsey, Missy Ryan and Paul Sonne**
- **1 hour ago**

Isolated and under pressure, Trump sets government in crisis

The president abruptly moved to try to deliver on campaign promises to build a border wall and bring troops home.

- **By Philip Rucker, Robert Costa and Josh Dawsey**

The Fix: Mattis's resignation letter, an unmistakable repudiation, annotated

With Syria decision, Trump's foreign policy doctrine emerges

Trump's decision to withdraw from Syria marks a win for Putin

This time, U.S. is betraying more than just the Kurds, allies say of Syria decision

The Fix

Analysis

Negotiating with Trump is impossible. For Republicans.

The president has shown time and again that he cares more about his supporters and his good standing with them than he does about the Republican Party. By [Colby Itkowitz](#)

[Trump defends Syria decision amid backlash from lawmakers, fresh praise from Putin](#)

The president said it was time for others to step up against the Islamic State and other hostile forces. By [John Wagner](#)

[‘Fox & Friends’ host rips Trump over border ‘chaos’ and ‘irresponsible’ Syria withdrawal](#)

[Turkey threatens to ‘bury’ Kurdish militants in Syria](#)

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[The Washington nightmare before Christmas](#)



Analysis Trump is stoking chaos as America enters a holiday period overshadowed by political pandemonium

- **Government has been partially shut down for 14h 47m 38s**



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CNN

Brett McGurk, US envoy to anti-ISIS coalition, resigns in wake of Trump decision to pull troops from Syria

Brett McGurk, the U.S. envoy for the global coalition to defeat Islamic State (ISIS), has resigned as a result of President Trump's decision to pull U.S. troops out of ...

Fox News

- **Congress searches for deal to end partial government shutdown**
- **live updates Schumer's message to Trump: Abandon the wall**
- **Don Lemon stumps panel with shutdown question**
- **Analysis: Trump learned nothing from the midterms**
- **Trump unveils new border barrier (with spikes)**
- **Smerconish: The one threat to Trump that's bigger than Mueller**
- **Opinion: The Trump shutdown is fitting**

Mattis exit leaves Pentagon in state of depression | TheHill

"There's just a general fear of the unknown," Pentagon official says.

The Hill

Government will shut down at midnight

Live Updates

With the House and Senate adjourned, there is no mechanism in place for a vote tonight, even if an 11th-hour deal is reached

- **Partial government shutdown starts in 2h 51m 50s**

- [Live Updates Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan have left Capitol Hill for the night](#)
- [How a potential government shutdown could affect holiday plans](#)
- [As shutdown deadline approaches, congressional negotiators search for a deal](#)
- [Trump tweets new border 'barrier' drawing \(with spikes\)](#)

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[US envoy Brett McGurk quits over Trump Syria pullout](#)

A top US official in the fight against the Islamic State group has quit over President Trump's decision to pull troops from Syria, reports say. Brett McGurk, the US ...

BBC News

[A Fitting End For Disgraceful House Republicans](#)

One last pointless budget crisis is a fitting end for House Republicans and their retiring leader, Speaker Paul Ryan.

[Forbes](#)

CNN

Trump says Mattis to leave by end of year

Breaking News

The President announces he will replace the defense secretary two months ahead of his planned departure

- **Mulvaney says shutdown could go into 2019**
- **Government has been partially shut down for**

1d 12h 16m 7s

- **Who is affected by a shutdown?**
- **Corker: Trump trying to 'look like he's fighting'**
- **President backs off his earlier statements that he would own the shutdown if border wall funding was not included just ahead of a Senate debate on his plan**
- **WATCH LIVE Trump: Chances of a shutdown are probably good**
- **Lawmakers say they'll go home — even if there's a shutdown**
- **Colbert jokes about lawmaker leaving town amid chaos**
- **House passes spending bill with \$5 billion for Trump's border wall**
- **Schumer to Trump: You will not get your wall**
- **Perspectives: Trump was like background noise. Not anymore**
- **Justice Ginsburg undergoes surgery**

- **Breaking News**

She had two cancerous nodules removed from her left lung at a New York hospital, the Supreme Court says

RBG fractured her ribs last month

- **Partial government shutdown starts in**

10h 17m 45s

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- **26 min ago**The voting window will stay open as senators return to Washington
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British woman allegedly raped in Indian hotspot

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- **Why the defense secretary quit**



Analysis

- **Lawmakers are left shaken after Mattis quits in protest over Trump's policies, as the government shutdown looms and financial markets plunge**
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- **Officials: Mattis was livid about Syria before meeting with Trump**
- **Military ordered to withdraw about half troops in Afghanistan**
- **Opinion: James Mattis' warning to America**

Mattis' letter is evidence of a man who had been pushed well past his breaking point and snapped

- **Mattis quits, says his views aren't 'aligned' with Trump's**
- **Jeffrey Toobin: There are no more grown-ups in the room**
- **READ: James Mattis' resignation letter**
- **Opinion: James Mattis' warning to America**
- **US officials: Mattis was livid today about Syria before meeting with Trump**
- **New video directly debunks Trump's claim**
- **Opinion: The military does not belong to Donald Trump**

House Speaker Paul Ryan says the President won't back a Senate measure because it doesn't include border wall funding. A deadline to avoid a shutdown is looming.

- **Decrying 'illegals,' amputee veteran raises millions for border wall**
- **live updates Schumer: Senate Dems won't budge on the wall**
- **Lindsey Graham's stern advice to Trump**
- **Uncertainty mounts as Congress seeks to avoid shutdown**
- **Exclusive: Trump's acting AG told he can oversee Russia probe**
- **Opinion: What Whitaker said about Mueller**
- **Trump's AG pick Barr told Justice Department in memo that firing Comey isn't obstruction**
- **Breaking News**

US military ordered to withdraw about half the troops in Afghanistan

- **Retired General: This will be a real crisis**

DECEMBER 19, 2018

WASHINGTONPOST

Mattis, once one of 'my generals,' loses clout with Trump

President Trump's move to pull all U.S. troops from Syria is a clear rebuke of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who has been repeatedly overruled in recent months and left out of key discussions.

Push to quickly leave Syria startles allies and White House aides

President Trump made his decision after a small meeting with senior White House aides and the secretaries of defense and state, most of whom, if not all, sharply disagreed, according to people familiar with the issue.

Trump snubs Corker, as friends and foes alike blast withdrawal plan

U.S. plans to pull all troops from Syria, official says

The decision signals a halt to an extended American ground campaign against the Islamic State and upends plans across the U.S. government — articulated by senior officials as recently as this week — for an ongoing mission to stabilize areas once controlled by the militants.

- **By Missy Ryan**

WorldViews: Winners and losers of the Trump administration's decision

D.C. attorney general sues Facebook, says it failed to protect the privacy of users

The lawsuit marks the first major effort by U.S. regulators to penalize the social media giant for sharing data with Cambridge Analytica, a political consultancy.

- **By Tony Romm, Craig Timberg and Aaron C. Davis**

Senate to pass short-term spending bill that would delay government shutdown

The measure would keep the government open through Feb. 8 but deny the president the money he wanted for his border wall.

- **By Erica Werner, John Wagner and Damian Paletta**

NYTIMES

THE ADMINISTRATION

For Trump, ‘a War Every Day,’ Waged Increasingly Alone

- **At the midpoint of his term, President Trump has grown more sure of his own judgment and more isolated from anyone else’s than at any point since he took office.**
- **Tumultuous recent events have left the impression of a presidency at risk of spinning out of control, but Mr. Trump’s first two years may ultimately look calm compared to what lies ahead.**

Dec. 22

President Trump has grown increasingly suspicious of many of the people around him, convinced that they are fools. Doug Mills/The New York Times

Trump, Angry Over Mattis’s Rebuke, Removes Him 2 Months Early

Migrant child, 8, dies in U.S. custody

- **Errant Saudi-led airstrikes have killed more than 4,600 civilians in Yemen, according to a monitoring group.**
- **In Washington, that toll has stoked debate about the pitfalls of America’s alliance with Saudi Arabia, which relies on U.S. support to keep its warplanes in the air.**

The conflict in Yemen has pushed millions to the brink of starvation. Our journalists documented the crisis in October.

Arms Sales to Saudis Leave U.S. Fingerprints on Yemen's Carnage

Shutdown to Take Effect at Midnight as Talks Fail to Break Impasse

- **The federal government was headed toward a partial shutdown at 12:01 Eastern time as the House and the Senate adjourned without reaching a compromise on President Trump's border wall demands.**
- **In the absence of a deal, the capital readied itself for how the fallout would affect nine federal departments and several other agencies, including hundreds of thousands of federal employees.**

Trump Has Ordered Full Withdrawal of U.S. Troops From Syria, Officials Say

- **President Trump, saying ISIS was largely defeated, ordered a rapid withdrawal of all 2,000 U.S. ground troops within 30 days, officials said.**
- **Top generals are against withdrawing, saying it would betray Kurdish allies who have fought alongside American troops there.**
International Relations

Doctor's daughters claim '68 Trump diagnosis was bogus

Bone spurs kept Donald Trump from being drafted into the Vietnam War. New allegations cast doubt on the veracity of that condition.

'I know it was a favor'»



China's 'Belt and Road' Plan in Pakistan Takes a Military Turn

Under a program China insists is peaceful, Pakistan is working on distinctly defense-related projects, including a secret plan to build fighter jets.

Hacked European cables revealed a world of anxiety among allies about Mr. Trump.

LATIMES

In a defeat for the White House, Senate Republicans propose stopgap bill to avert government shutdown

The president indicated in a tweet Wednesday that he was ready to move on, suggesting without details that the military could construct his desired wall.

Trump plans full withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria, official says

The decision would include the entire force of more than 2,000 U.S. service members.

The government shutdown will hit home for many after Christmas with many federal offices shuttered

Thousands of federal buildings are to remain closed when the work week resumes unless President Trump and members of Congress quickly break through a budget impasse that the White House said could drag on into 2019.

YAHOO NEWS

Bloomberg denounces Trump's 'terrible presidency'

Doctor's daughters claim '68 Trump diagnosis was bogus

[Bone spurs kept Donald Trump from being drafted into the Vietnam War. New allegations cast doubt on the veracity of that condition.](#)

['I know it was a favor'»](#)

BusinessCNBC

[By the numbers: Stock market collapses on Christmas Eve, heads for worst December ever](#)

The stock market is ending the year on quite the ugly note, here is where we stand statistically: S&P 500 closed down -2.71 percent Monday for its 7 th negative day in 8 and its worst day since Dec 4 th when the S&P lost -3.24 percent Until Monday, the Dow & S&P 500's worst Christmas Eve ever was back in 1985, when they fell 0.63% and 0.69%, respectively. S&P hit a new 52-wk low Friday of 2,351.10, its lowest level back to Apr 2017 MTD: S&P is down -14.82% on pace for its worst December ever back to back-tested inception in 1928, with the next worst December in 1931 when the S&P lost -14.53%, and its worst month since Oct 2008 when the S&P lost -16.94% YTD: S&P is down -12.06% in 2018 on pac...

Politics Deadline

[Michael Bloomberg Rips Trump As “Recklessly Emotional And Senselessly Chaotic”](#)

Michael Bloomberg did not hold back on his criticism of Donald Trump in a blistering editorial for his media company, Bloomberg News. Beginning by saying there are certainly reasons to be optimistic about the upcoming new year, "the increasingly isolated man in the Oval Office is not one of them," Bloomberg wrote in the op-ed published Sunday. After ticking off a list of the mind-bending and disturbing events of just the past week -- the resignation (and subsequent firing)...

[Twitter Users Get Creative Mocking Border Wall Design Trump Called 'Beautiful'](#)
[HuffPost](#)

BusinessTheStreet.com

Jim Cramer: This Is a Treacherous Bear Market

Sobering words. I can recall only once having a week like this and walking out feeling like something worse looms: the week before the Crash in 1987. The bad news: It had to be the worst day in the world to buy.

Business MarketWatch

This brutal stock-market rout mirrors the 1987 crash in 1 important way

As the Dow Jones Industrial Average confronts its ugliest December loss since 1931, the time of the Great Depression, there is another notable way to put the severity of this persistent bout of losses into historical context. If current conditions hold, it would mark the worst average daily moves for the Dow (DJIA) the S&P 500 index (SPX) and the Russell 2000 index (RUT) since October of 1987, according to Dow Jones Market Data. On Oct. 19, the Dow sank 22.6% in a single session, marking its steepest percentage drop ever, with trading during that period under pressure all month until the final crash.

Nasdaq in bear market, first of the three major U.S. indexes

Reuters

Stocks enter final full week of the year on the brink of a bear market

CNBC



Business Yahoo View

Trump administration faces at least 17 separate investigations

Wired counts at least 17 separate investigations facing the Trump administration. This comes as something Rudy Giuliani said is raising a lot of eyebrows. Philip Rucker & David Jolly discuss.

Politics Yahoo View

Trump could be under sealed indictment, analyst speculates

Legal analyst for Fox News, Andrew Napolitano, lays out a scenario where President Trump could already be indicted in secret over alleged campaign finance violations. The panel discusses.

Politics Associated Press

Trump's coalition cracking over his policies and personality

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. (AP) - Jill Mott doesn't like the tweets. The hard line on the border is too hard. And when asked whether she will vote for President Donald Trump a second time, she lets out a long, deep sigh. No!

CNN

Sr. admin official: 'A mistake of colossal proportions'



Breaking News

Resistance to Trump's move to withdraw US troops from Syria was strong among some in the administration

- **Erin Burnett: It could not get any better for Putin today**
- **Trump's Syria withdrawal hurts Netanyahu and US reputation, Israelis say**
- **GOP senators give Pence 'earful' on Syria**
- **Opinion: Trump's bizarre decision on Syria**
- **Analysis: Trump is leaving the fight against ISIS (and influence in the Middle East) to Russia and Iran**
- **Opinion: The walls are closing in on Trump**
- **Trump orders rapid withdrawal from Syria in apparent reversal**

Today in politics

Breaking News

Senate passes stop-gap funding bill in effort to avert government shutdown

- **Giuliani: 'I was wrong' to say Trump hadn't signed letter**
- **Analysis: How can Rudy Giuliani possibly still be Trump's lawyer?**
- **House Intelligence expected to vote Thursday on sending Roger Stone transcript to Mueller**
- **3 Kansas legislators switch from Republican to Democrat**
- **CNN commentator: Democrats just broke Trump**
- **US announces new set of Russia sanctions**
- **Top Dem sends 51 letters to Trump administration demanding information**
- **CNN obtains Russia docs signed by Trump**

The Republican House Speaker announced in April that he would retire from Congress at the end of his term

- **Trump signed letter of intent for Trump Tower Moscow project despite denials**
- **How Kushner and a Kardashian drove criminal justice reform**
- **Van Jones praises Trump: This is history**
- **GOP drafts short-term deal to stop shutdown**
- **Cuomo slams the Fox News 'Trump trio'**

Trump orders troops from Syria in apparent reversal

- US preparing for withdrawal from Syria
- breaking Judge strikes a blow to Trump administration's latest limits on asylum

MSNBC

The Beat with Ari Melber

Ken Starr: A sitting president can be indicted



Hallie Jackson

McConnell introduces short-term bill to avoid government shutdown

Majority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) introduced a [bill](#) to the floor with the goal of avoiding a government shutdown, but will only fund the government through February 2019.

Michael Moore says Trump chaos makes him 'frightened' for the country

Brian Williams

John Kerry: There's no secret how chaotic & corrupt Trump is

The Last Word

Fmr. CIA Dir Brennan: We are left with Trump's 'Yes Men'

Welker: 'President Trump likes chaos, we're certainly in the middle of a chaotic news cycle'

Meet the Press

Sen. Durbin: I 'privately sat down with General Mattis,' urged him to 'please stay'

In an exclusive interview with "Meet the Press," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., says that Democrats "counted on" Defense Secretary Mattis to protect the [military](#).

- [NYT Reporter: Unlikely Turkey will take over the fight against ISIS](#)
- [Shutdown, Syria and Stock slide: What if the president is the crisis?](#)

HUFFPOST

ANOTHER CHILD DIES IN BORDER CUSTODY

CONGRESS WALKS! SHUTDOWN CERTAIN THE SHAM OF PAUL RYAN

TRUMP SHUTDOWN

SEASON FINALE

THE END: GOP ONE-PARTY RULE SHUTS DOWN GOVERNMENT



TRUMP THREAT: 'VERY LONG SHUTDOWN'

Trump Tried To Argue That Dems Are Responsible For Failing To Secure A Deal
By Lisa Mascaro, Matthew Daly and Catherine Lucey, AP

CORKER: 'YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP'

GOP Senator Rips Trump's Latest Threat As Yet Another 'Precipitous' Decision
By Mary Papenfuss

INDONESIA DEATH TOLL RISES TO 429

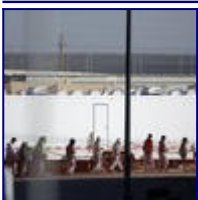
Unlike Previous Tsunamis, Saturday's Big Waves Blasted Ashore Without
Warning

By Niniek Karmini, AP

YES, SHE IS STILL A BELIEVER IN SANTA

Girl's Faith In Santa Unshaken After 'Marginal' Phone Call With Trump

Happy Birthday, GOP Tax Law. You Might Cause More Workers To Become
Contractors.



The Trump Administration Is Holding Thousands Of Migrant Kids In Mass
Shelters

Ambassador's Sudden Removal Was Totally Normal, State Department Says



Trump Administration Weighing Complete Withdrawal Of Troops From Syria



Trump Defends Disgraced Foundation's 'Great Work'



FREAKY FACEBOOK: GAVE OUT ACCESS TO PRIVATE MESSAGES
Report: Facebook Allowed Companies To Access Private Info Without Users' Consent

By Dominique Mosbergen



Congress set for ANOTHER 'short-term' bill to avoid govt shutdown.....
Paul Ryan Leaves Behind Ballooning Debt...



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TRUMP IN RETREAT

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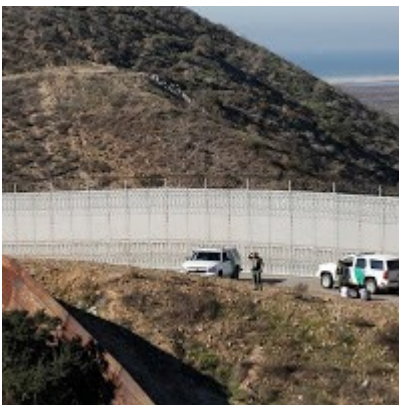
Stocks Face Obstacle No Matter What the Fed Does

The Fed model, which was reportedly used by former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan but never officially endorsed by the central bank, compares the average earnings yield of the companies in the S&P 500, which is the inverse of the price-to-earnings ratio, to the yield on 10-year U.S. Treasury bonds. The problem with the Fed model is that stocks, because they are generally riskier investments than bonds, have consistently yielded more than Treasuries since the early 2000s.

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Headlines

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Trump tweets image of proposed border wall: 'totally effective while at the same time beautiful!'

In the midst of a contentious fight with Democrats over a possible partial government shutdown and funding for border security, President Trump on Friday ...

Fox News

Trump warns shutdown could last 'very long time,' urges McConnell to go 'nuclear' and end filibuster

President Donald Trump on Friday said the chances of a partial government shutdown were "very good" after meeting with Senate Republicans at the White ...

NBC News

today

Government headed for partial shutdown at midnight, as lawmakers leave Capitol without deal

A partial shutdown of the federal government appears inevitable, as lawmakers left the Capitol Friday without a deal to fund the government by midnight's ...

Fox News

one hour ago

Trump's shutdown stunt is an act of needless stupidity

Trump's gamesmanship is born of politics, not principle.

The Washington Post

one hour ago

Opinion

McConnell 'distressed' over news of Mattis's resignation

The Senate majority leader says that what most disturbs him is that the defense secretary will be leaving early next year due to "sharp differences with the president."

Greenspan Says He 'Never Saw Anything Remotely Close' to the Current Political System

Bloomberg

Business Reuters

Wall Street hits fresh lows on economic worries

Wall Street stocks fell in volatile trading on Friday, with the Nasdaq on pace to confirm it is in a bear market, as concerns of slowing economic growth led investors to flee stocks in high-valuation sectors such as technology and communication services. The tech-heavy Nasdaq sank to a 15-month low, falling as much as 21.5 percent from its Aug. 29 high. The Dow Industrials fell to the lowest level since October 2017.

Factbox: Past Nasdaq bear markets lasted long and cut deep

Reuters

Nasdaq confirms bear market; Wall St. slides on economic concerns

Reuters

Politics HuffPost Opinion

House Republicans Keep Giving James Comey Chances To Call Donald Trump A Liar A little more than a week after former FBI Director James Comey spent six

Politics USA TODAY Opinion

Trump Foundation dissolves, but Trump abuses and pursuit of personal gain live on

Donald Trump ran his campaign and is now running the White House the same way he ran his foundation: abusing the public interest, enriching himself.

CORKER UNLOADS: TRUMP'S

'MADE UP' SHUTDOWN

TOP STORIES

Mattis' Departure Accelerated As Trump Names Defense Secretary's Replacement

Five things we could buy with \$5 billion instead of building Trump's stupid wall:



1 Provide health care for 1.4 million people.

2 DOUBLE federal spending on energy



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using my



Charles M. Blow ✓

@CharlesMBlow

Says the opportunist who as a "model" in 1998 at a party arranged by her "sponsor" to put his "models" around "rich playboys," met Trump while he was on a date with another woman (and while divorcing Marla Maples) and still took his number when the woman went to the bathroom.



Eugene Gu, MD 

@eugenegu

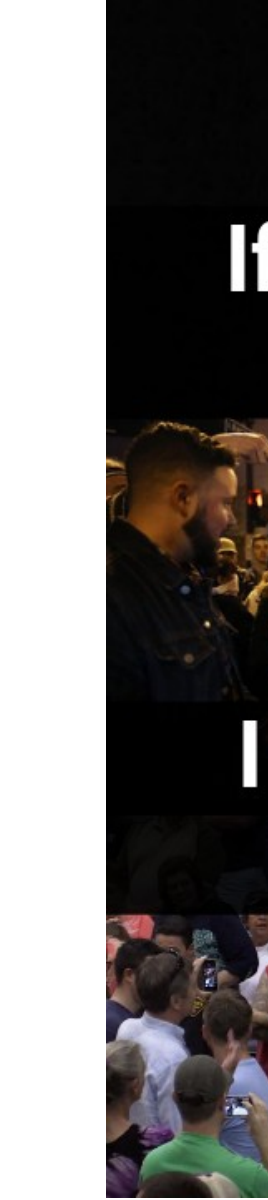
Sending Michael Cohen to jail while Donald J. Trump walks free and still leads our nation is like punishing the flight attendant for bringing the pilot some beers but letting the pilot fly completely drunk and saying maybe we'll do something when the airplane lands.



Dr. C. George Boeree
Shippensburg University

'...The antisocial disorder used to be called the sociopath, and before that, the psychopath. The change in name simply reflects the fact that the public tends to associate the disorder only with the most extreme and dramatic cases, such as serial killers. But in fact, people with little sense of empathy or guilt live all around us and we hardly notice them until they affect us personally. If they have a

decent level of intelligence, they fully recognize that certain acts are illegal or looked down upon by others, and, since that only makes trouble for themselves, they avoid those things. In other words, most antisocials are rational. I believe that, in addition to the violent criminals that may be obviously antisocial, there are also many highly successful antisocials who, in fact, owe their success to the very fact that they don't really care how they get wealth and power, only that they do actually get it. I have strong suspicions about some of those corporate executives who blithely steal from their employees and stockholders and calmly lie about it when caught. I also suspect that some of our politicians are sociopaths, especially those that seem to be able to ignore the suffering of the less fortunate while filling their pockets and the pockets of their friends with money, or those who have no qualms about declaring wars that kill and maim thousands of our own young men and women, as well as hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women, and children of the so-called enemy...'



**If you impeach me, my people
will be revolting!**



**I dunno, they're pretty damn
revolting already.**



“I don’t look at a recession as a *bad thing*.”

-Jamie Dimon, CEO of JP Morgan Chase



During the Wall Street crash:

- ✘ 15 MILLION LOST HOMES**
- ✘ Families lost *\$13 TRILLION* in savings**
- ✘ 27 million were un/under-employed**

Meanwhile, Jamie Dimon:

- ✓ Made over *\$248 million***
- ✓ Is now a *billionaire***
- ✓ Bought a *\$17 million mansion***



**Mexico will pay
for the Wall.**



**OK, Mexico will pay
for *SOME* of the wall.**

OK, Mexico *won't* pay



Kind of stunning
to step back and
consider that three
people who in the
summer of 2016
were principal
players around
Donald Trump and
speaking for him
***are all convicted
felons today.***



David Axelrod



DECEMBER 18, 2018
WASHINGTONPOST

Flynn's sentencing delayed; judge tells ex-Trump adviser, 'Arguably, you sold your country out'

Before the surprising delay, the judge rebuked Michael Flynn, President Trump's former national security adviser, saying that he tried to undermine his own country.

- **By Spencer S. Hsu, Matt Zapposky and Carol D. Leonnig**

Flynn's transformation from storied officer to heated partisan
Shutdown still possible after Democrats reject new GOP offer on immigration, border funding

The two sides remain at impasse as hundreds of thousands of federal workers await word on whether they will be sent home without pay just before Christmas.

- **By Erica Werner, Damian Paletta and Seung Min Kim**

Trump wants to find stray funds for the border wall. But there's a barrier to that.
The president's new approach sets up more budget and political battles, as it's very difficult to legally redirect taxpayer money without Congress's approval.

- **By Damian Paletta**

The Fix: Yes, Sarah Sanders, you are asking taxpayers to pay for the wall



Marshall Cohen

@MarshallCohen

January 11, 2017

REPORTER: Did you or anyone in your campaign... have any contact with Russia leading up to or during the campaign?

TRUMP: No, not at all.

[cnn.com/2018/12/10/pol](https://www.cnn.com/2018/12/10/pol) ...



[Trump to dissolve his charity amid allegations that he used it for personal and political benefit](#)

The agreement with the New York attorney general comes amid an ongoing lawsuit against the Donald J. Trump Foundation, President Trump and his three eldest children.

- By **[David A. Fahrenthold](#)**

- [Video: Trump shuts down foundation amid allegations of illegal conduct](#)

NYTIMES

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Washington

Stocks Extend Their Slide as Trump Renews Attack on Fed

- [With stocks falling sharply again on Monday, President Trump took another swipe at the Federal Reserve, writing on Twitter that the “only problem our economy has is the Fed.”](#)
- [Mr. Trump’s comments undercut efforts by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to calm jittery investors and ease concerns that the president might move to fire Jerome H. Powell, the Fed chairman.](#)

[Wall Street saw more losses, with stocks on track for their worst year since 2008.](#)

INVESTIGATIONS

Judge Postpones Sentencing of Michael Flynn After Harshly Rebuking Him

- [Mr. Flynn took up the judge’s offer of delaying the sentencing until he had completed his cooperation agreement with federal prosecutors.](#)
- [Judge Emmet Sullivan rebuked Mr. Flynn for lying to the F.B.I. and told him, “Arguably, you sold your country out.”](#)

Trump Foundation Will Close After Suit by New York Attorney General

[The agreement by the Donald J. Trump Foundation follows a court decision that allowed a lawsuit against the foundation to move forward.](#)

Blaming the deep state: Officials accused of wrongdoing adopt Mr. Trump’s defense.

LATIMES

DECEMBER 25, 2018

In a town of unanswered questions, Paradise tries to imagine its future

In the aftermath of the Camp Fire, the city is reassessing its economy and learning that the first steps of reconstruction often begin with addressing the problems of the past.

By Thomas Curwen

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Stocks slump on Christmas Eve; S&P 500 nears bear market

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- **Treasury secretary's effort to calm the markets risks making a bad situation worse**
 - **Opinion: The stock sell-off prompts another desperate tweet from Trump**

A million California buildings face wildfire risk. 'Extraordinary steps' are needed to protect them

Skyrocketing public pensions, long injury leaves and big bills for taxpayers: Inside L.A.'s DROP program

By Jack Dolan

DAILYKOS

Daily Kos Recommended

- **Sarah Huckabee Sanders lashes out at James Comey from official government Twitter account**
- **James Comey just looked into the camera and told GOP to 'stand up and speak the truth'**
- **Trump's DOJ - It's not an emolument because we say it's not an emolument.**

- **Republicans squash bill to pay for Vietnam vets' health care ... say they're worried about deficit**
- **Russians attacked Mueller for investigating Trump's collusion and conspiracy**
- **NC-09: Repubs reverse themselves, demand Harris be certified-- and election fraud be hanged**
- **Democratic senator: Trump sounds 'more like a mob boss than president of the United States'**
- **Michael Flynn gets a 'good luck' from Trump as he heads to court for sentencing**
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- **Ruth Bader Ginsburg welcomes new U.S. citizens: 'We are a nation made strong by people like you'**
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- **Dylann Roof supporter arrested for stockpiling weapons and threatening domestic terrorism**
- **That helpless feeling when a healthcare provider is in the wrong and you can't do anything about it**
- **This week in the war on workers: Union-made toys, in time for Christmas**

YAHOO NEWS

Politics The Root

[Sarah Huckabee Sanders Gets Called Out For Being the Worst White House Press Secretary Ever](#)

On Tuesday, Sarah Huckabee Sanders gave the White House's first press briefing in three weeks. She spent about 15 minutes at the podium, didn't really give any answers of substance.....

U.S. Yahoo Lifestyle

[Syrian refugee hospitalized with concussion after high school beating: 'You're lucky you're from another language because I will crush you'](#)

The Syrian teen, who is the only one in her family who speaks English, escaped war to be faced with harassment at school.

Politics Splinter News

[Trump Is Mad About So Many Things This Morning](#)

Reader, it is my unfortunate duty to inform you that President Donald Trump is truly on one this morning. [How 'bout trump's just plain mad ... you know ... as a hatter (as the saying goes) ... and not just this morning]

Politics Splinter News

[Trump's Ultra-Shady 'Foundation' Is Dead](#)

Pour one out for the Trump Foundation, President Donald Trump's extremely sketchy "charitable" organization that seemed to be of no real benefit to anyone whose name wasn't actually "Trump." Time of death: December 18, 10:57 a.m.

Trump reportedly agrees to dissolve foundation, signals w...

[CNBC Videos](#)

Donald Trump's charity to dissolve as New York attorney general reports 'a shocking pattern of illegality'

[The Telegraph](#)

Politics HuffPost

[Chris Matthews Predicts Trump Could Resign 'In The Coming Weeks'](#)

MSNBC's Chris Matthews said Monday that President Donald Trump could resign as

Judge Napolitano on Michael Flynn case: Trump is the loser

[FOX News Videos](#)

Eye Opener at 8: Michael Flynn to be sentenced today

[CBS News Videos](#)

Business Yahoo Finance

Business MarketWatch

[The last key death cross is poised to engulf the stock market](#)

Ominous-sounding death crosses have been emerging in the stock market like weeds, with the latest - and arguably, the last important such cross - about to take hold in the Dow. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) is on the verge of joining other major equity benchmarks in a

History shows a U.S. recession will probably happen within 24 months

If history is any guide, then a U.S. recession has a good chance of happening by 2020.

CNN

Trump's Flynn-sized blind spot

- **Sarah Sanders' comments about Flynn being 'ambushed' by the FBI reiterate that the President has a soft spot for his former national security adviser**
- **BREAKING James Comey defends FBI's interview of Michael Flynn, transcript shows**
- **Judge scolds Flynn, then walks back comments**
- **Flynn's sentencing postponed after judge issues blistering rebuke**
- **Sarah Sanders defends Trump's Flynn tweet**
- **Opinion: The mystery of Michael Flynn**
- **The no-nonsense judge overseeing Flynn's sentencing**

MSNBC

On Christmas Eve, Trump airs more grievances



Katy Tur

What Flynn's sentencing delay means for President Trump

NBC's Heidi Przybyla, the LA Times' Eli Stokols, and Politico's Jake Sherman discuss the political ramifications of Michael Flynn's sentencing delay with Katy Tur.

NBC NEWS

Sanders says FBI 'ambushed' Flynn, brands Cohen 'a liar'

Ali Velshi

Rubin: 'This is how Trump organizations work'

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Trump could be under sealed indictment, analyst speculates

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OPINION
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JUDGE RIPS FLYNN: 'ARGUABLY SOLD YOUR COUNTRY OUT'
Judge Asks About Treason Before Delaying Sentencing For Lying To FBI
By Ryan J. Reilly

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TRUMP FOUNDATION AGREES TO SHUTTER!
Trump Foundation To Shut Down Amid Lawsuit Against The Charity
By Nina Golgowski

FORBES

**A Fitting End For Disgraceful House
Republicans**

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Ben Ritz Contributor

Taxes I write about U.S. tax & budget policy from a center-left perspective.

Time after time, House Speaker Paul Ryan has refused to do anything meaningful that would rein in Donald Trump's worst impulses.Evan Vucci / AP

This year concludes the same way it began: with a partial shutdown of the federal government. There is no doubt that President Donald Trump is primarily responsible for this shutdown – less than two weeks ago, during a nationally televised meeting in the Oval Office, he explicitly said so himself.

“If we don't get what we want,” said Trump, “I will shut down the government. And I'll tell you what, I am proud to shut down the government for border security, [Sen. Chuck Schumer]... I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down. I'm not going to blame you for it ... I will take the mantle of shutting down.”Not a whole lot of wiggle room there: this is clearly a Trump Shutdown. **But the president was bolstered by support from his allies in the House Republican Conference and their retiring leader, House Speaker Paul Ryan. While the Senate did its job and unanimously passed a continuing resolution that would have kept the government open and prevented the shutdown, Ryan refused to allow a vote on similar legislation, allowing the electorally-disgraced House Republican majority to create one last pointless budget crisis on its way out the door.**

It's a fitting end for a group that has been a budgetary disaster since the moment it first took control in 2011. Less than eight months into their tenure, House Republicans brought the United States to the brink of defaulting on our national debt for the first time in history, resulting in the government's credit rating being downgraded from AAA to AA+. Two years later, they shut down the government for 16 days after President Obama refused to let them take the American people's health care hostage. And for six years, instead of addressing the real drivers of our national debt, House Republicans forced reckless cuts to critical public investments that undermined the long-term health of our economy.

But it wasn't until Republicans gained unified control of the U.S. House, Senate, and presidency in 2017 that the wheels really came off the wagon. The shutdown that began at midnight is the *third shutdown this year*. At no point in the last four decades has the federal government shut down thrice in one year, nor has it shut down even once during that period when one party had unified control of the federal government. That both happened in 2018 is a testament

to the ineptitude of the Trump administration and its allies in the 115th Congress

This is a particularly sorry end for Speaker Ryan himself. When Ryan's predecessor, former Speaker John Boehner, announced his resignation in September 2015, he responsibly "[cleaned out the barn](#)" for his successor by allowing the House to vote on a bill that prevented another shutdown over the objections of his conference's most extreme members. Had Speaker Ryan – who, less than two weeks from retirement, similarly has nothing to lose by defying the far right – simply put the Senate bill up for a vote, it almost certainly would have passed and landed on Trump's desk. But instead, Ryan chose to aid and abet Trump's latest tantrum by blocking a vote on a commonsense stopgap, creating yet another unnecessary crisis in 2018.

Perhaps nobody should be surprised. Time after time, Speaker Ryan has refused to do anything meaningful that would rein in Trump's worst impulses. But it's Ryan's epic fiscal mismanagement that is particularly astonishing, given that he's tried to brand himself as one of the most fiscally responsible members of Congress since before he became chairman of the House Budget Committee in 2011.

As soon as Ryan became Speaker and had real power to rein in deficits, he instead [made them substantially worse](#). On this day last year, a massive tax cut spearheaded by Speaker Ryan was [signed into law](#), which the official scorekeepers at the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office now estimate will add over \$2 trillion to the national debt over the next decade. Two months later, Ryan presided over the [passage of unpaid-for legislation](#) that spent more money on domestic programs than President Obama proposed in his final budget while also spending more money on Defense than was requested by President Trump.

The result: next year's budget deficit will now be [roughly \\$1 trillion](#) – nearly 70% larger than the \$596 billion deficit [projected by CBO](#) when Ryan ascended to the Speakership in 2015. Moreover, Speaker Ryan's failure to tackle the nation's [long-term fiscal challenges](#) means that the federal government will never again run an annual budget deficit of less than \$1 trillion if current policies remain in place.

Thankfully, the American people decided they finally had enough of the GOP's dismal leadership and [ousted them from power](#) in last month's election. When

the 116th Congress convenes, many of its members will be replaced by several dozen freshmen in the Democratic Caucus who campaigned on being far more responsible stewards of the federal budget – surely the new majority will vote to reopen the government immediately if the outgoing Congress does not. But one thing is crystal clear: it just wouldn't have been a proper end for the House GOP without throwing one last tantrum before the adults get put back in charge.

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Daily Kos staff looks back at some of their favorite posts from the past week.

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- **Women Overboard! Kansas Sen. Dinah Sykes and Rep. Stephanie Clayton abandon Republican ship**
- **Mulvaney's plan for Trump: Have more rallies. Lots and lots of rallies.**
- **Trump's attacks on the media make independent, progressive outlets like Daily Kos more important than ever. Can you chip in \$1 to support our work?**
- **The Trump foundation is no more thanks to New York's attorney general**
- **Pathetic Tucker Carlson goes all-in on the WAR ON CHRISTMAS! Gingerbread PEOPLE!!!!**
- **Republican who took inspiration from the Taliban now whines about negative ads used to beat him**

- **GOP representative is only person blocking bill to address violence against Native American women**
- **There is a special election on January 8, 2019. Winning this race is the first step to flip the Virginia state Senate. Give \$3 to support Jennifer Boysko**
- **Paul Ryan hopes to leave office unscathed and ready to run again someday. Let's not let that happen**
- **People may not know it yet, but Iowa and New Hampshire won't matter in 2020**
- **Oncology nurse deported last year is back home in US: 'This is really a dream that I never expected'**
- **This PSA from the Sandy Hook families will stop you in your tracks—and that's the point**
- **Sign and send a petition to Republicans: Do your job. End the shutdown.**
- **It sure looks like the judge who just struck down Obamacare waited until after Election Day**
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- **'Every 30 seconds': Study confirms the gendered online abuse that black women have long reported**
- **New census data projects which states could gain or lose congressional seats in 2020 reapportionment**
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- **Sign this petition to Congress: We want H.R. 1 reforms including: Independent redistricting commissions, citizen-funded elections, closing the revolving door between government and corporate interests, and protecting voters against discrimination.**

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Politics MarketWatch

Trump Today: President blames Democrats for shutdown, Fed for Wall Street selloff and unwilling 'allies' for Syria pullout

President Trump on Monday kept trying to pin blame for a government shutdown on Democrats, said the only problem with the economy is the Federal Reserve and continued to defend his much-criticized military pullout in Syria. Playing the blame game President Donald Trump

Trump is incompetent, impulsive and amoral. Heaven help us all.

- **By Eugene Robinson**

Wonder how the Trump administration would handle a financial crisis? Well, now we know.

- **By Catherine Rampell**

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Democrats have 'no incentive whatsoever' to negotiate deal before the end of the year

Former White House deputy chief of staff to President George W. Bush Karl Rove breaks down the political fallout from the partial government shutdown.

Top Trump aide says government shutdown may go into New Year

Reuters

Government shutdown threatens federal workers' holiday plans

Yahoo View

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A “bear market” is when stocks see a 20 percent decline or more from a recent high - but they’re also marked by overall pessimism on Wall Street. Since World War II, bear markets have lasted 13 months on average, and stock markets tend to lose 30.4 percent of their value. During those conditions it usually takes stocks an average 22 months to recover, according to analysis from Goldman Sachs and CNBC.

Business CNBC

'The worst is yet to come': Experts say a global bear market is just getting started

In the U.S., the Nasdaq Composite closed in a bear market on Friday. Globally, Germany's DAX and China's Shanghai Composite have also entered bear territory.

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[LinsyGraham Doubles Down On Wall Funding:'We're Not Going To Give In'](#)

Turning up the heat on day one of the federal government shutdown, Sen.

Trump spends Christmas Eve shutdown 'all alone,' tweeting his frustrations

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Trump Sees Winning Hand as Critics See Presidency Spiraling Down

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[Twitter Users Brutally Mock Trump For Self-Pitying 'Poor Me' Tweet](#)

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Bloomberg Rips 'Senselessly Chaotic' Trump, Demands GOP 'Start Showing Some Spine'

Doctor's daughters claim '68 Trump diagnosis was bogus

Bone spurs kept Donald Trump from being drafted into the Vietnam War.
New allegations cast doubt on the veracity of that condition.

'I know it was a favor'»

Debt Up \$1.37 Trillion Since Last Year; \$10,743 Per Household...

Economic growth slowing around world...

Summers raises chance of recession next year to 60%...

BUST: STOCKS HEAD FOR WORST DECEMBER EVER...



But there was one group on Friday celebrating the reports — the Taliban.

Senior members told NBC News the news was a clear indication they were on the verge of victory.

“The 17-year-long struggle and sacrifices of thousands of our people finally yielded fruit,” said a senior Taliban commander from Afghanistan’s Helmand province. “We proved it to the entire world that we defeated the self-proclaimed world’s lone super power.”

WHERE IS THE JOB CREATION?

	EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	JOB GROWTH
ExxonMobil	13.6%	-34%
Verizon	9.1%	-33%
AT&T	8.1%	-23%
General Electric	-3.4%	-12%
United Technologies	10.4%	-12%
JP Morgan Chase	15.6%	-10%
IBM	7.5%	-3%

SOURCE: Institute for Policy Studies, 2008-2016

Social Security Fun Facts

- Social Security and Medicare are paid for with a separate tax. *They add nothing to the national debt.*
- Social Security has a \$2.5 trillion *surplus.*
- Congress has "*borrowed*" trillions from Social Security to pay for government spending.

So when Republicans say we need to *cut* Social Security in order to balance the Federal Budget, here's what they really *mean*:

"We've taken *trillions* from Social Security to pay for unfunded wars, tax cuts for the rich and corporate subsidies. We need to cut your benefits so we won't have to pay it back."



Senate GOP meeting this morning.



"Before we discuss raising taxes on the poor & middle class, adding \$1 trillion to the deficit, taking health insurance away from 13 million, raising premiums by 10%, defending treason and swearing in a pedophile, let's begin with a prayer."



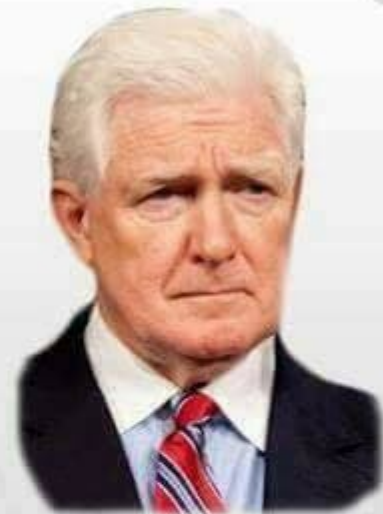
**HE'S DOING EVERYTHING TO AMERICA
PUTIN WANTS HIM TO**

**HE'S WRECKING OUR GOVERNMENT
HE'S ATTACKING THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS
HE'S DIVIDING AMERICANS AND ALIENATING ALLIES
BY DRIVING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS WEDGES
AND CONGRESS IS LETTING HIM**

Representative
Jim Moran said
that members of
Congress cannot
afford to live
“decently” off

\$174,000.

He wants to give Congress
a raise!



SHARE

if you think Congress
doesn't deserve a raise!

**"THE TRUE TERRORISTS
OF OUR WORLD DO NOT
MEET AT THE DOCKS AT
MIDNIGHT, OR SCREAM
'ALLAHU AKBAR'
BEFORE SOME VIOLENT
ACTION. THE TRUE
TERRORISTS OF OUR
WORLD WEAR 5000
DOLLAR SUITS AND
WORK IN THE HIGHEST
POSITIONS OF
FINANCE, GOVERNMENT
AND BUSINESS."**

PETER JOSEPH: ZEITGEIST ADDENDUM



WAGES

Salary of retired US Presidents.....	\$450,000 FOR LIFE
Salary of House/Senate members.....	\$174,000 FOR LIFE
Salary of Speaker of the House.....	\$223,500 FOR LIFE
Salary of Majority/Minority Leaders.....	\$194,400 FOR LIFE
Average salary of a soldier DEPLOYED IN AFGHANISTAN	
	\$38,000
Average income for Seniors on Social Security	
	\$12,000

I think we found where the cuts should be made!

If you agree...Pass it on!

JUST SO WE'RE CRYSTAL F*CKING CLEAR ABOUT TRUMPS TAX PLAN:

***MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:
NOT DEDUCTIBLE
STUDENT LOAN INTEREST:
NOT DEDUCTIBLE***

***PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION:
DEDUCTIBLE
PRIVATE JET FEES:
DEDUCTIBLE***

MAKE NO MISTAKE, THIS TAX BILL IS AN ASSAULT ON THE MIDDLE CLASS



AMERICANS PAY THE HIGHEST PRICES FOR MEDICINE IN THE WORLD. WANT TO KNOW WHY?

THERE'S A LAW THAT FORBIDS MEDICARE FROM NEGOTIATING PRICES WITH BIG PHARMA.

MEANWHILE, IN 2012 ALONE, THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY SPENT **\$306 MILLION DOLLARS LOBBYING CONGRESS.**

IF YOU THINK IT'S TIME WE CHANGED THE RULES TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE, NOT BIG PHARMA, COMMENT YES & SHARE!

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EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF
FASCISM

Powerful and Continuing
NATIONALISM

DISDAIN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

IDENTIFICATION OF ENEMIES / SCAPEGOATS
as a Unifying Cause

SUPREMACY OF THE MILITARY

RAMPANT SEXISM

CONTROLLED MASS MEDIA

OBSESSION WITH NATIONAL SECURITY

RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT
are Intertwined

CORPORATE POWER IS PROTECTED

LABOR POWER IS SUPPRESSED

DISDAIN FOR INTELLECTUALS & THE ARTS

OBSESSION WITH CRIME & PUNISHMENT

RAMPANT CRONYISM & CORRUPTION

FRAUDULENT ELECTIONS

- Laurence W. Britt

If you still happen to support Trump:
You support draft dodging.
You support tax evasion.
You support pussy grabbing.
You support adultery.
You support stiffing contractors.
You support Russian interference.
You support lying to others.
You support alternative facts.
You support bullying others.
You support narcissistic behaviour.
You support climate change denial.
You support greed without shame.
You support eugenics.
You support nepotism.
You support white supremacy.
You support scapegoating immigrants.
You support scapegoating Muslims.
You support scapegoating Jews.
You support scapegoating gays.
You support scapegoating transgenders.
Did I miss anything?

**this is an asshole
others may call him POTUS
they may say POTUS over and over again**



**THEY MAY SAY POTUS IN ALL CAPS
you might even start to believe he's a POTUS
but that doesn't change the fact he's
an asshole...and nobody likes an asshole**

TRUMP PROMISED TO RUN THE COUNTRY LIKE A BUSINESS



HE REALLY DELIVERED

@MrFilmkritik

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Donald Trump's malignant narcissism is toxic: Psychologist

John Gartner | USA TODAY |

If you take President Trump's words literally, you have no choice but to conclude that he is psychotic. A delusion is "a **fixed false belief** that is resistant to reason or confrontation with actual fact." Despite all evidence to the

contrary, Trump asserts that his New York office was bugged by President Obama, and that his inauguration had the biggest crowd size in history. Before the election, [Right Wing Watch published](#) a list of 58 conspiracies proclaimed by Trump.

Is it all for effect, to rile up his base, deflect blame and distract from his shortcomings, or does Trump really believe the insane things he says? It's often hard to know, because as Harvard psychoanalyst Lance Dodes put it, Trump tells two kinds of lies: the ones he tells others to scam them, and those he tells himself. "He lies because of his sociopathic tendencies," [Dodes said](#). "There's also the kind of lying he has that is in a way more serious, that he has a loose grip on reality." Is he crazy like a fox or just plain crazy? Not a question we want to be asking about our president.

Much has been written about Trump having narcissistic personality disorder. As critics have pointed out, merely saying a leader is narcissistic is hardly disqualifying. But malignant narcissism is like a malignant tumor: toxic.

Psychoanalyst and Holocaust survivor Erich Fromm, who invented the diagnosis of malignant narcissism, argues that it "lies on the [borderline between sanity and insanity](#)." Otto Kernberg, a psychoanalyst specializing in borderline personalities, defined malignant narcissism as having [four components](#): narcissism, paranoia, antisocial personality and sadism. Trump exhibits all four. His narcissism is evident in his "grandiose sense of self-importance ... without commensurate achievements." From viewing cable news, he knows "more about ISIS than the generals" and believes that among all human beings on the planet, "I alone can fix it." His "repeated lying," "disregard for and violation of the rights of others" (Trump University fraud and multiple sexual assault allegations) and "lack of remorse" meet the clinical criteria for [anti-social personality](#). His bizarre conspiracy theories, false sense of victimization, and demonization of the press, minorities and anyone who opposes him are textbook paranoia. Like most sadists, Trump has been a bully [since childhood](#), and his thousands of vicious tweets make him perhaps the most prolific cyber bully in history.

A year ago, I warned that "the idea that [Trump is going to settle down](#) and become presidential when he achieves power is wishful thinking." Trump, like many successful people, shows biological signs of hypomania — a mild and more functional expression of bipolar genes that manifest in energy, confidence, creativity, little need for sleep, as well as arrogance, impulsivity,

irritability and diminished judgment. As is often typical, when Trump has achieved great success, his hypomania has increased with disastrous consequences.

In Michael Kruse's article "[1988: the Year Donald Lost his Mind](#)," he wrote, "His response to his surging celebrity" after the publication of *The Art of The Deal* "was a series of manic, ill-advised ventures" that led to bankruptcy and divorce.

Last year, after Trump became the Republican presidential nominee, *New York Times* columnist [David Brooks noted](#) a similar deterioration: "With each passing week, he displays the classic symptoms of medium-grade mania in more disturbing forms: inflated self-esteem, sleeplessness, impulsivity, aggression and a compulsion to offer advice on subjects he knows nothing about." Much has been said about Trump's disjointed [Associated Press interview](#) last month. As Brooks wrote, "Manics display something called 'flight of ideas.' It's a formal thought disorder in which ideas tumble forth through a disordered chain of associations. One word sparks another, which sparks another ..."

One symptom of hypomania is impulsivity. [Seventy-two hours](#) after Trump saw upsetting pictures of gassed Syrian children, he launched 59 Tomahawk missiles at the Assad regime. Whether Trump guessed right or wrong, sudden lethal moves that reverse his longstanding policy are disturbing. "Acting on instinct, Trump upends his own Syria policy" was the [headline](#) in *The Times*. Its analysis said the president's advisers "were clearly uncomfortable with the suggestion that Mr. Trump was acting impulsively." As [Ezra Klein put it](#), "A foreign policy based on Trump's gut reactions to the images flashing before him on cable news" is "dangerous."

Now Trump is ratcheting up tensions to create a crisis with North Korea.

POLICING THE USA: A look at [race, justice, media](#)

[Vague protests are Trojan horses for liberal politics: Christian Schneider](#)

Some say it is unethical to dare to diagnose the president, but hundreds of mental health professionals have come together to found [Duty To Warn](#). We believe that just as we are ethically and legally obligated to break confidentiality to warn a potential victim of violence, our duty to warn the public trumps all other considerations.

More than 53,000 people have [signed our petition](#), aimed at mental health professionals, stating Trump should be removed under the 25th Amendment

because he is too mentally ill to competently serve. At a conference on the Duty To Warn last month at Yale medical school, psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton warned against creeping “[malignant normality](#).” Under a malignantly narcissistic leader, alternate facts, conspiracy theories, racism, science denial and delegitimization of the press become not only acceptable but also the new normal. If we do not confront this evil, it will consume us.

Duty to Warn is planning a multicity March for Sanity on Oct. 7 to “make America sane again.” Hope to see you there, assuming we’re all still here.

[Robin Brown Guist](#)

It's almost 2019, I'm old and worn out, and I still have so many unanswered questions!!!! I haven't found out who let the dogs out...where's the beef...how to get to Sesame Street... why Dora doesn't just use Google Maps...Why do all flavors of fruit loops taste exactly the same, or how many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop.....why eggs are packaged in a flimsy carton, but batteries are secured in plastic that's tough as nails...what does the fox say... why “abbreviated” is such a long word; or why is there a D in ‘fridge’ but not in refrigerator... why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor yet dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons... why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections... and, why do you have to “put your two cents in” but it's only a “penny for your thoughts” where's that extra penny going to... why does The Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star have the same tune... why did you just try to sing those two previous songs... and just what exactly is Victoria's secret? and where is Waldo?... Can you hear me now?...and do you really think I am this witty?? ... I actually got this from a friend, who stole it from her brother's girlfriend's, uncle's cousin who lived next door to an old classmate's mailman...Now it is your turn to take it from me... Copy and Paste, and enjoy your day.

I needed the laugh.


“I have broken more Elton John records, he seems to have a lot of records. And I, by the way, I don’t have a musical instrument. I don’t have a guitar or an organ. No organ. Elton has an organ. And lots of other people helping. No we’ve broken a lot of records. We’ve broken virtually every record. Because you know, look I only need this space. They need much more room. For basketball, for hockey and all of the sports, they need a lot of room. We don’t need it. We have people in that space. So we break all of these records. Really we do it without like, the musical instruments. This is the only musical: the mouth. And hopefully the brain attached to the mouth. Right? The brain, more important than the mouth, is the brain. The brain is much more important.”

Donald Trump, 7/5/2018






**SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK
ABOUT...**




**The Number One cause of illegal
immigration is overstaying Visas, most
illegals have never even seen the
Border. The Number One way drugs get
into this country is INTERNATIONAL Cargo
Shipping. The wall is a scam.**

**As you enjoy “It’s a Wonderful Life”
this year, it’s hard not to think that
we’re now living in the alternate
reality where George Bailey was
never born and Mr. Potter is
President of the United States.**





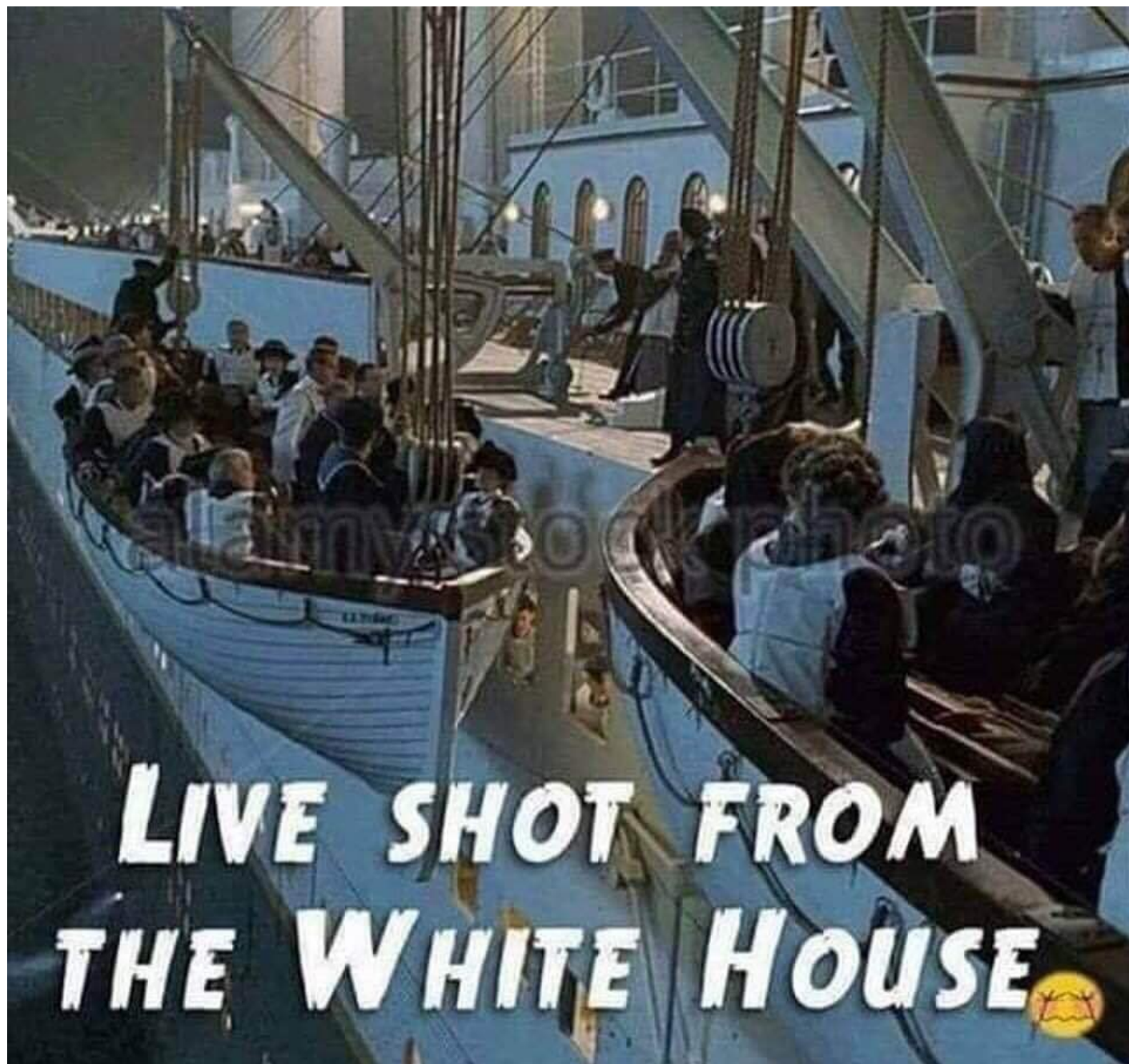
'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE
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WAS STIRRING, NOT EVEN THAT
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HEAD...'



**RADIO STATIONS STOP PLAYING "ALL I WANT
FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH"**



**SO AS NOT TO OFFEND
TRUMP SUPPORTERS**



**LIVE SHOT FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE** ⚡

HEY! WHERE'S OUR BORDER WALL PAID FOR BY MEXICO? AND THE BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET? OR THAT MIDDLE-CLASS TAX CUT YOU PROMISED?

YOU STILL BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS? SAD!



M. WUERKER
POLITICO Andrew McTeel

THE PROBLEM IS NOT A LACK OF



MONEY



FOOD



WATER



OR LAND

THE PROBLEM IS THAT

**YOU'VE GIVEN CONTROL OF
THESE THINGS TO GREEDY PSYCHOPATHS**



THE
WHINING

DONALD J. TRUMP IS
A DEMENTED SOCIOPATH

KULT
45

Billy
Normal







“I want my wall NOW”



"A shutdown falls on the President's lack of leadership. He can't even control his party and get people together in a room. A shutdown means the president is weak."

Donald J. Trump - 2013

2016

Mexico will pay for the WALL.

2017

Mexico will pay us back for the WALL.

2018

GIVE ME FUNDING FOR THE WALL OR
I'LL SHUT DOWN THE GOVERNMENT!!!



**"I WILL BE THE ONE TO SHUT IT
DOWN. I'M NOT GOING TO BLAME YOU FOR IT."**



"IT'S THE DEMOCRATS FAULT"

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**THE MOST UNQUALIFIED,
MISLEADING, UNINFORMED**



**VILE EXCUSE FOR
A PRESIDENT IN THE
HISTORY OF MANKIND.**

**Trump said that if I voted for
Clinton, I'd be stuck with a
criminal president under
constant federal
investigation from
day one**

**Turns out
he was right.**

2016:

We're gonna build a wall and Mexico is gonna pay for it!

2018:

If American taxpayers don't pay for my wall I'm gonna shut down the government!

CLINTON

- Oral Sex and One Lie

GOP RESPONSE = IMPEACHMENT

TRUMP

- Hush Money
- Sexual Assault
- Racism
- Nepotism & Cronyism
- Emoluments Clause
- Abuse of Power
- Obstruction
- Criminal Conspiracy

GOP RESPONSE

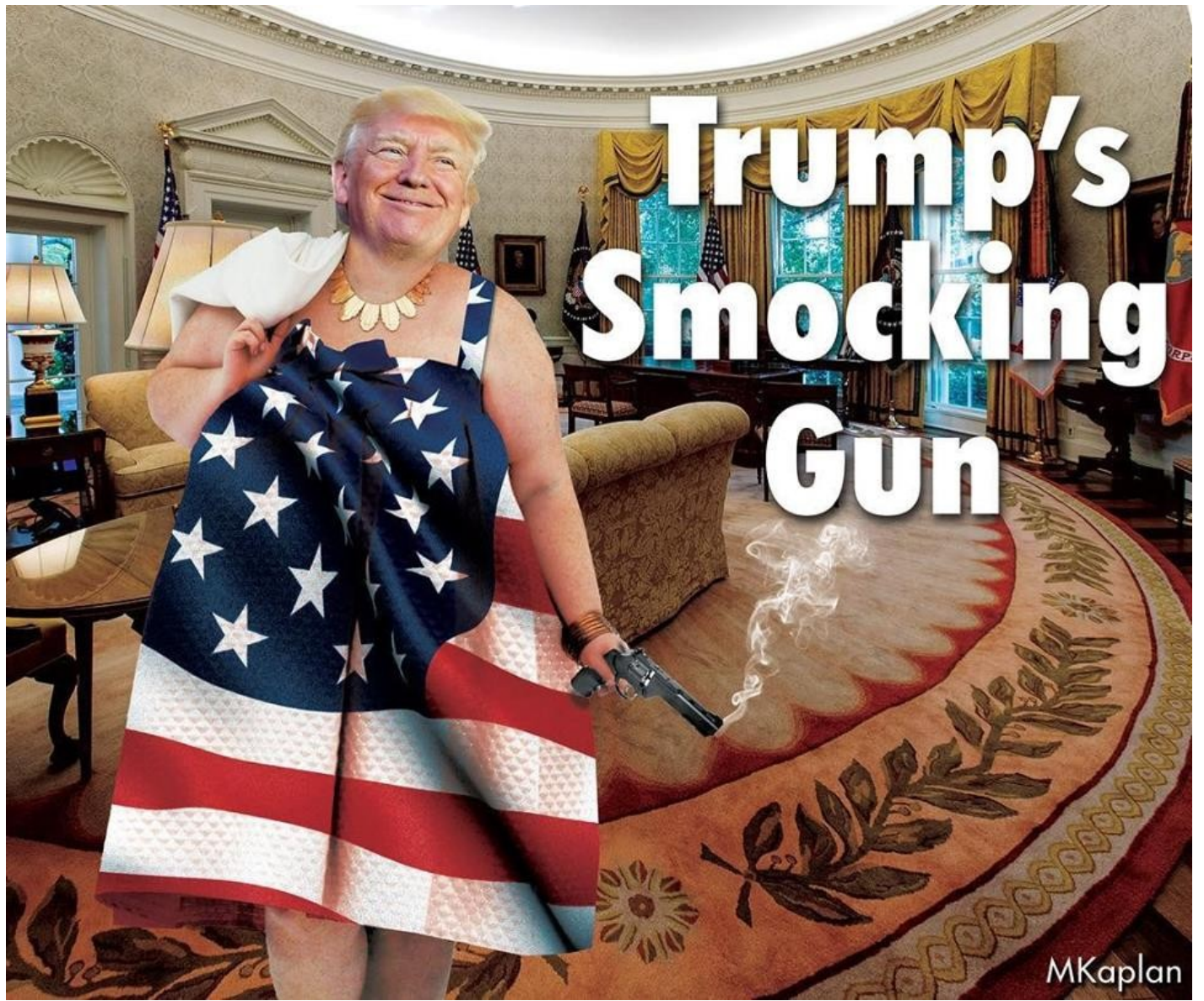
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**LOUD
MOUTH
LIBERAL**

THE
LYING KING





Trump's Smocking Gun

MKaplan

**IF YOU THINK DONALD IS ANGRY NOW
WAIT TIL HE FINDS OUT THERE'S NO
HAIRSPRAY IN PRISON**



What Republicans see...



What the rest of the country sees





**NEW RULE:
IF YOU CAN LISTEN TO
TRUMP SPEAK **WITHOUT**
THINKING "HE SOUNDS
LIKE AN IDIOT,"
YOU'RE AN IDIOT.**

DONALD TRUMP IN 2016:



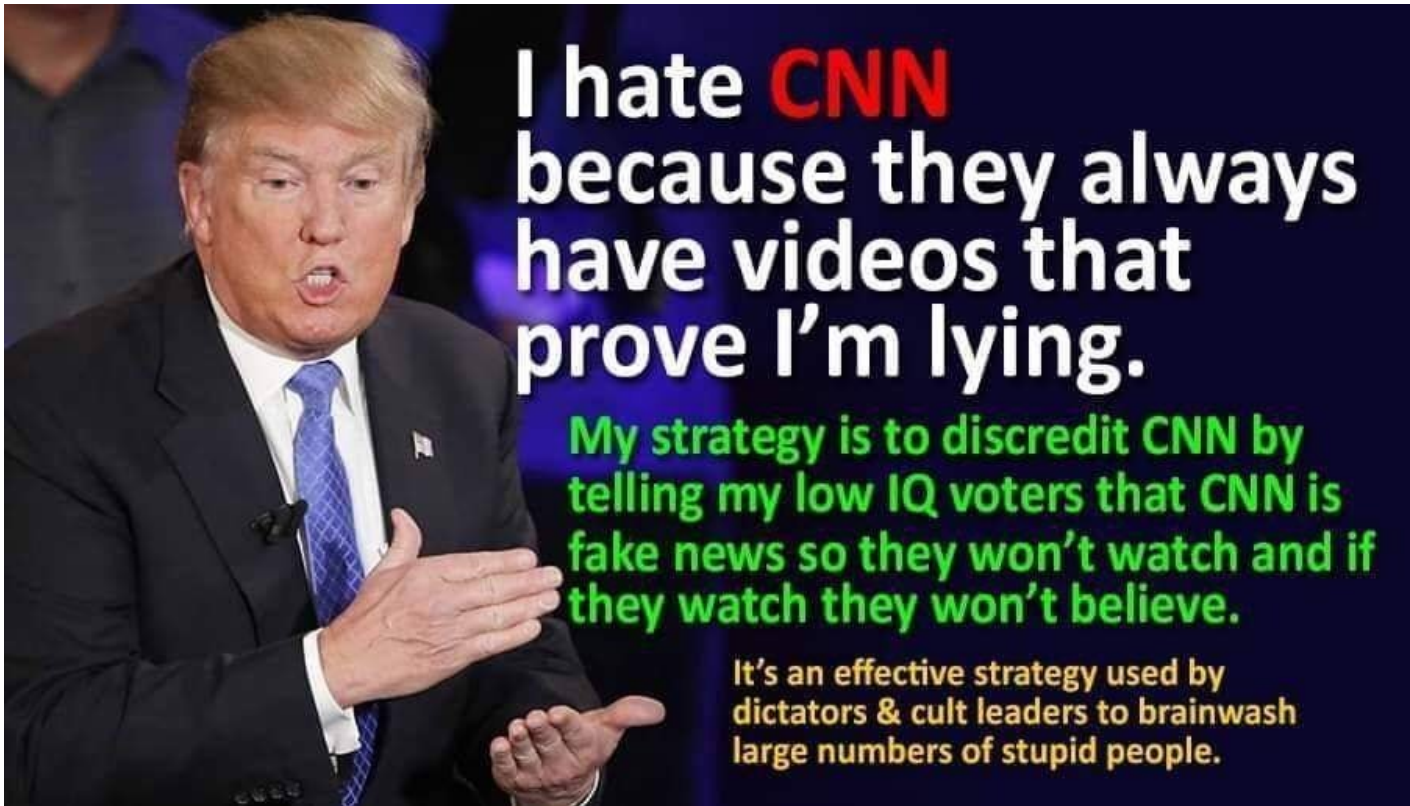
I have no business dealings with Russia.

DONALD TRUMP TODAY:



Everyone in 2016 knew about my business dealings with Russia.

@TheWeekInTrump



I hate **CNN**
because they always
have videos that
prove I'm lying.

My strategy is to discredit CNN by
telling my low IQ voters that CNN is
fake news so they won't watch and if
they watch they won't believe.

It's an effective strategy used by
dictators & cult leaders to brainwash
large numbers of stupid people.



BREAKING NEWS

*Michael Cohen just plead guilty
to lying to Congress about
working on a Trump & Russia
real estate deal during Trump's
2016 campaign.*

(Cat's out of the bag now, Donnie boy)

@TheWeekInTrump

**TWO THINGS MAKE DONALD
TRUMP UNFIT FOR OFFICE:
EVERYTHING HE **SAYS** AND
EVERYTHING HE **DOES****



BIGGEST MISTAKE



**DUMP
TRUMP**
*Change your
profile pic!*

IN AMERICAN HISTORY

WE FOUND THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT A TRUMP TOILET BRUSH

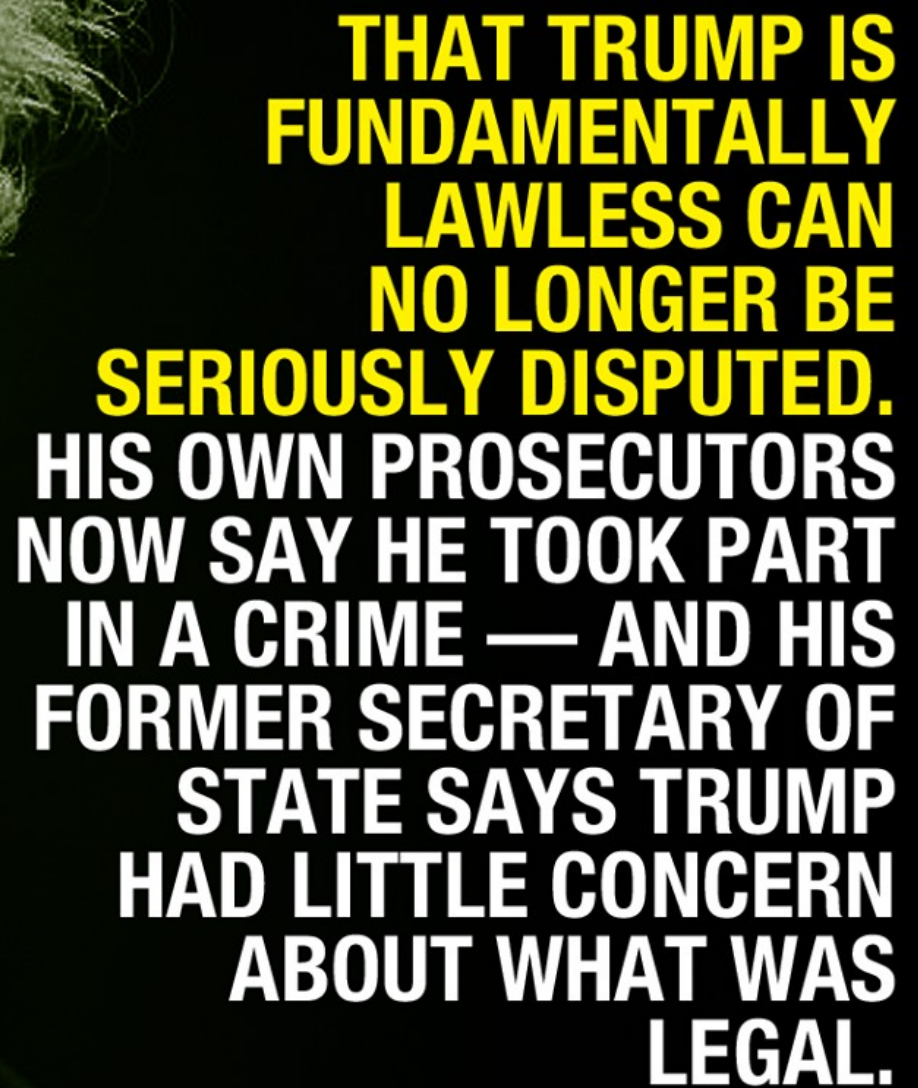


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You can find them at [Etsy.com/shop/SpacedOutDesigns](https://www.etsy.com/shop/SpacedOutDesigns)

THE SEVEN DEADLY CHINS





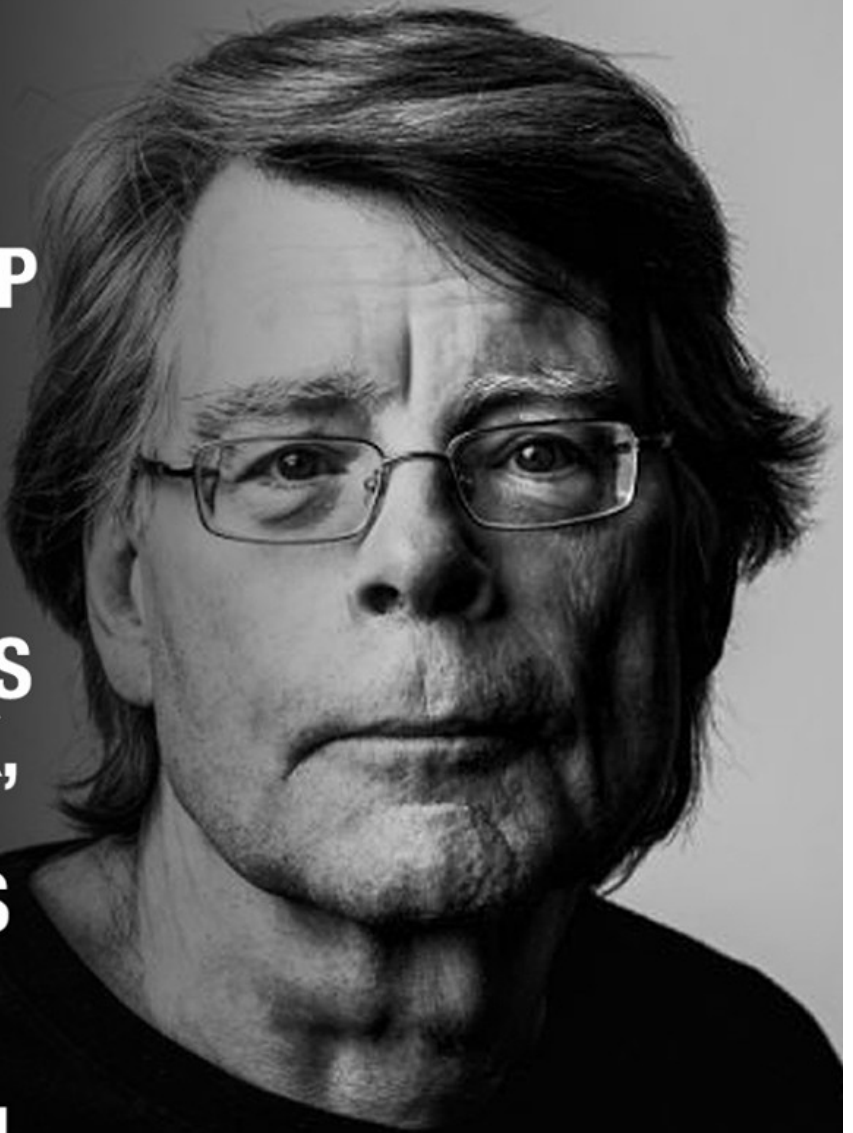
**THAT TRUMP IS
FUNDAMENTALLY
LAWLESS CAN
NO LONGER BE
SERIOUSLY DISPUTED.
HIS OWN PROSECUTORS
NOW SAY HE TOOK PART
IN A CRIME — AND HIS
FORMER SECRETARY OF
STATE SAYS TRUMP
HAD LITTLE CONCERN
ABOUT WHAT WAS
LEGAL.**

DANA MILBANK
@Milbank

TRUMP
RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT

**TELL YOUR
LEGISLATORS
AND FRIENDS
WHO ARE TRUMP
SUPPORTERS
THAT IT'S TIME
TO PUT
PARTISANSHIP
ASIDE. TRUMP IS
A TRAIN WRECK,
AND THE TRAIN
HE'S PULLING IS
OUR COUNTRY.
HE HAS TO BE
REMOVED FROM
OFFICE.**

STEPHEN KING



**TRUMP
RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT**

**THE WHITE HOUSE IS CLOSING DOWN
ITS ADULT DAY CARE CENTER—
THE LAST ADULTS ARE LEAVING.
LEADERSHIP OF THE WORLD IS IN THE
HANDS OF AN EGO MANIAC WHO DOESN'T
WANT WISE COUNSELORS AROUND HIM,
JUST UNDERLINGS. BUCKLE UP:
THESE TWO YEARS COULD BE EVEN MORE
TURBULENT THAN THE LAST TWO.**

DAVID GERGEN

A photograph of David Gergen, an older man with thinning hair, wearing a blue suit, white shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is seated and gesturing with his right hand while speaking into a microphone. The background is dark and out of focus.

**TRUMP
RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT**



DEMAGOGUERY

DEMAGOGUERY IS AN APPEAL TO PEOPLE THAT PLAYS ON THEIR EMOTIONS AND PREJUDICES RATHER THAN ON THEIR RATIONAL SIDE. DEMAGOGUERY IS A MANIPULATIVE APPROACH — OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH DICTATORS AND SLEAZY POLITICIANS — THAT APPEALS TO THE WORST NATURE OF PEOPLE.

**TRUMP
RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT**

WHEN HISTORIANS LOOK BACK ON THIS
MOMENT THEY WILL PROPERLY ASSESS

THE DEATH OF AMERICAN CONSERVATISM

AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MOVEMENT
AS BEING A RESULT OF THE COWARDICE,
COMPLICITY, WEAKNESS AND
DERELICTION OF DUTY OF MEN
LIKE GRAHAM.

BUT AT LEAST THEY GOT TO GOLF
WITH TRUMP.

STEVE SCHMIDT

@SteveSchmidtSES

TRUMP
RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT





occupydemocrats



A president who runs a country
by issuing **20 executive orders**
in 10 days and **fires anyone**
who disagrees with him
is **NOT** a President.

HE'S A DICTATOR.

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS



Nearly a **MILLION** federal workers have gone **without pay** for the last **12 days** because our toddler-in-chief is throwing **a temper tantrum** over forcing the American taxpayer to fund a wall he said **Mexico** would pay for. **PATHETIC.**

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS

TRUMP TODAY:

**"I think I would have been
a good military general,
but who knows."**



The guy who dodged the Vietnam War **FIVE TIMES with a **FAKE** bone spurs diagnosis, **refused** to honor our troops because it was raining and **mocked** a Gold Star family **thinks he would be a "good general."** Riiiiight...**

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS

**I GET VICIOUSLY ATTACKED EVERY DAY AND
SOMETIMES I WONDER IF IT'S ALL WORTH IT,**



**BUT THEN I THINK ABOUT ALL THE
MONEY THIS SCAM IS RAKING IN
AND OF COURSE IT'S WORTH IT!**

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS



DEAR TRUMP,

You **LIED** about
the border wall.

You **LIED** about the tax
scam bill. You **LIED** about
providing healthcare for
“everybody.” You **LIED**
about your campaign’s
contacts with Russia.

You **LIED** about your
business dealings
with Russia.

YOUR ENTIRE PRESIDENCY IS A LIE.

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS

@ProudResister

WHO WANTS TO SEE THIS IN 2019?



1 SHARE = I DO!

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS



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ARTIZANS SYNDICATE



TRUMP THIS MORNING:
"If Democrats don't fund
my wall, I'll close the
southern border!"

Mexico is America's **3rd LARGEST** trading partner as we export a total of **\$236 BILLION** in goods to them yearly. So, Trump has gone from "**Mexico** will pay for the wall" to "If the **American taxpayer** doesn't pay for the wall, I will shutdown the government and **DESTROY** the economy by closing the border."

**WHATEVER HAPPENED TO
THE "ART OF THE DEAL?"**

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS Source: The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

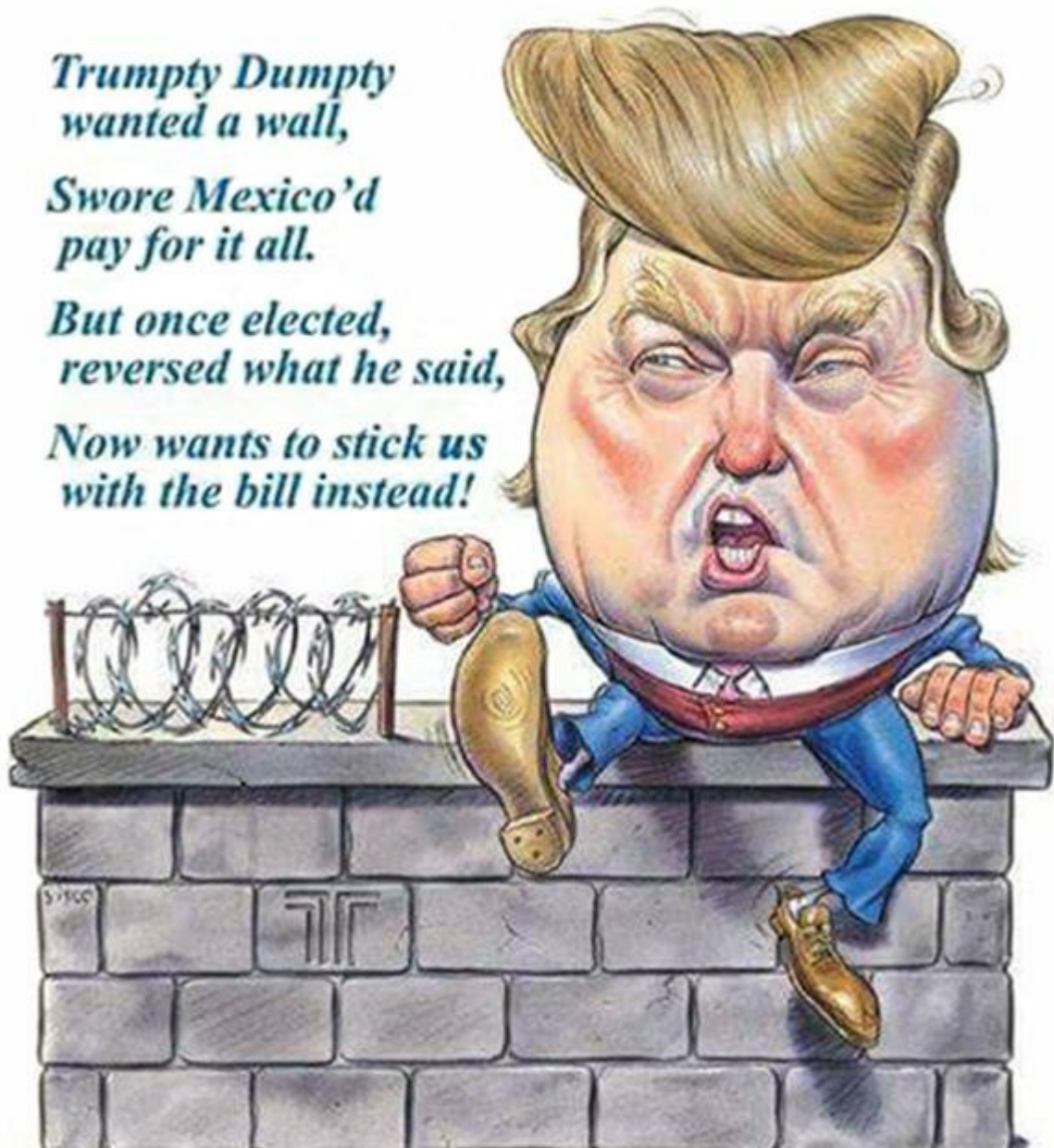
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BRAIN?

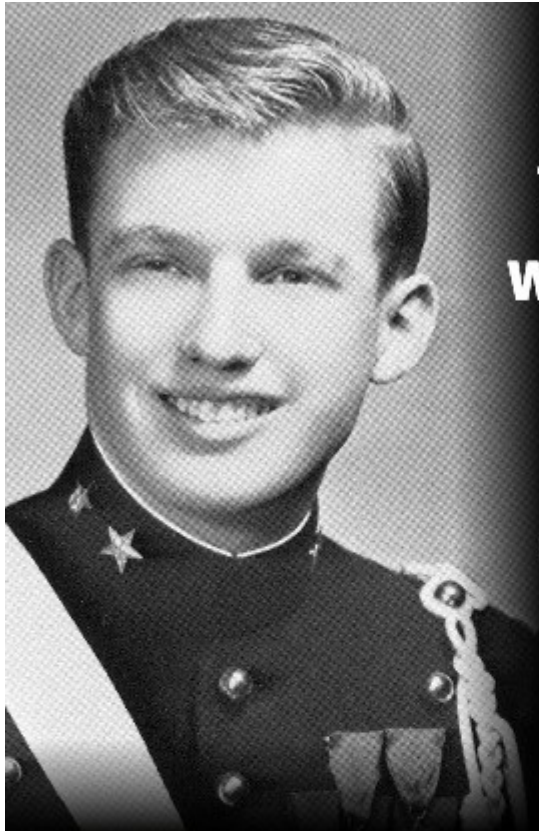
I'M A TRUMP
SUPPORTER!

Ben Wayne

TRUMPTY DUMPTY

*Trumpty Dumpty
wanted a wall,
Swore Mexico'd
pay for it all.
But once elected,
reversed what he said,
Now wants to stick us
with the bill instead!*

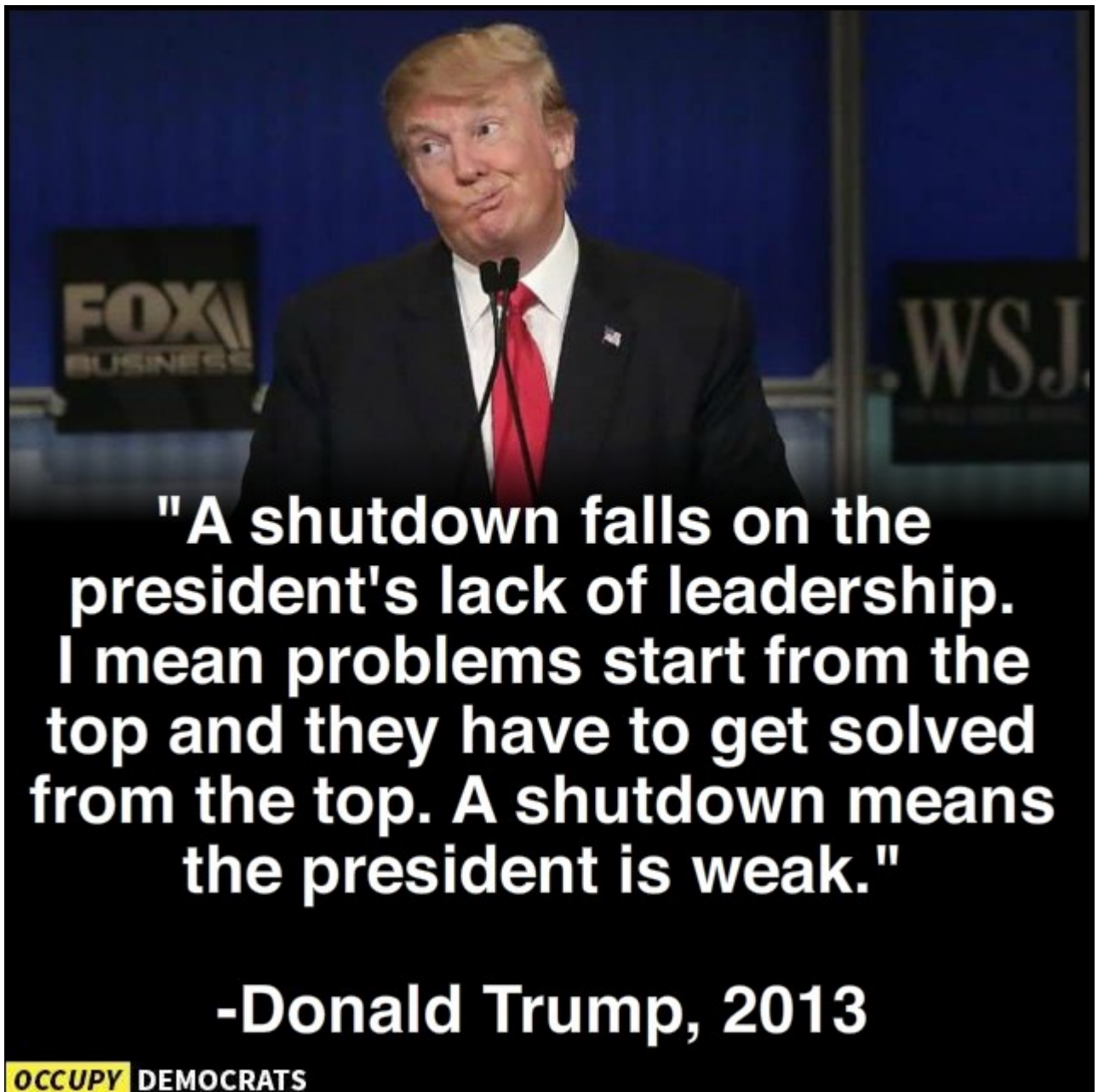




A New York Times report finds that the foot doctor who diagnosed Trump with bone spurs during the Vietnam War did it as a **"favor"** to Trump's father and likely fabricated Trump's diagnosis.

**WHAT A SNIVELING
COWARD.**

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS



"A shutdown falls on the president's lack of leadership. I mean problems start from the top and they have to get solved from the top. A shutdown means the president is weak."

-Donald Trump, 2013

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS

**IF YOU CAN'T TELL BY
NOW THAT TRUMP IS
A CON MAN,
THEN YOUR IQ ISN'T HIGH
ENOUGH FOR ME TO HAVE
AN ADULT CONVERSATION
WITH YOU.**

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS

**{HASN'T ANYONE LOOKED AT THE MASSIVE UNSUSTAINABLE INCREASE
IN THE DEBT (TRILLIONS) TO OBFUSCATE/HIDE THE ECONOMIC
WEAKNESS/ FAILURE AS EVIDENCED BY THE SO-CALLED BELLWETHERS
... WHAT TYPICAL, TOTAL TRUMPIAN-AMERICAN FRAUD/BULL S**T!}**

US NATIONAL DEBT RISES \$2 TRILLION UNDER TRUMP

By [Lydia DePillis](#), CNN Business

[US national debt reaches a new high under Trump - cnn.com](#)

<https://www.cnn.com/.../trump-us-national-debt/index.html>

1 day ago · The US national debt stood at \$21.974 trillion at the end of 2018, more than \$2 trillion higher than when President Donald Trump took office, according to numbers released Thursday by the Treasury ...

[National debt jumps \\$1.2 trillion in fiscal year 2018](#)

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/national-debt...>

In addition to the \$1.2 trillion increase in the national debt in the last fiscal year, it took a little more than six months for the debt to rise from \$20 trillion to \$21 trillion.

[Under Trump's watch, national debt tops \\$21 trillion for ...](#)

When Mr. Trump took office on Jan. 20, 2017, the national debt was \$19.9 trillion, according to U.S. Treasury data. Since then, the GOP-led Congress has passed a \$1.5 trillion tax cut bill and a ...

[Donald Trump adds \\$1 trillion to national debt in 14 months ...](#)

Trump goes silent on national debt while racking up \$1 trillion in 14 months ... that will add at least \$2.4 trillion to the debt in the next ... staggering \$3 trillion if interest rates rise back ...

Our country is so crazy now the
Trump shutdown is **distracting** from
Jim Mattis resigning and his letter is
distracting from our stock market hitting
bear territory is **distracting** from
7,000 troops pulled from Syria is
distracting from the Mueller probe
and other investigations.

@Amy_Siskind

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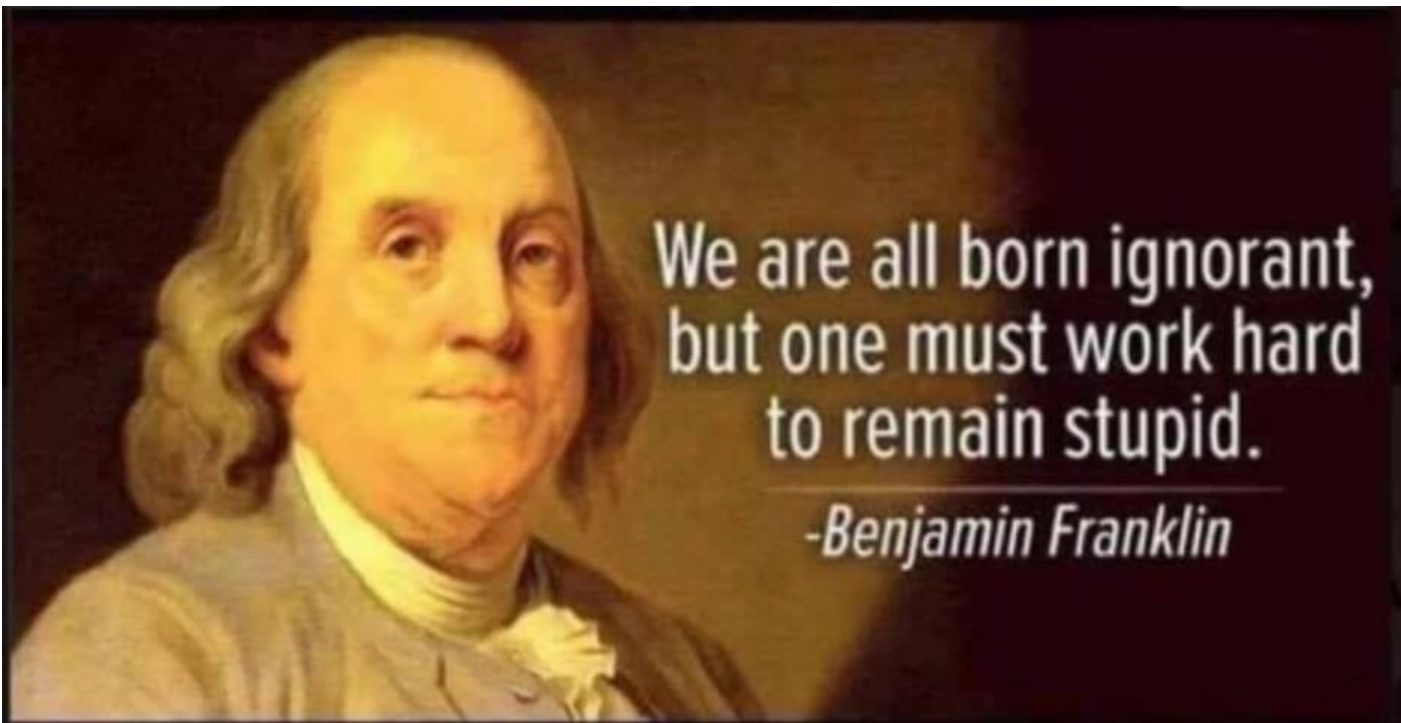
"I'm proud to shutdown the government over my wall and I will take the mantle."



**TRUMP TODAY:
"DEMOCRATS
NOW OWN THE
SHUTDOWN!"**

**SERIOUSLY, HOW DUMB
DOES TRUMP THINK
AMERICANS ARE?**

OCCUPY DEMOCRATS



We are all born ignorant,
but one must work hard
to remain stupid.

-Benjamin Franklin



THE HARDEST WORKING MAN IN AMERICA

made with mematic

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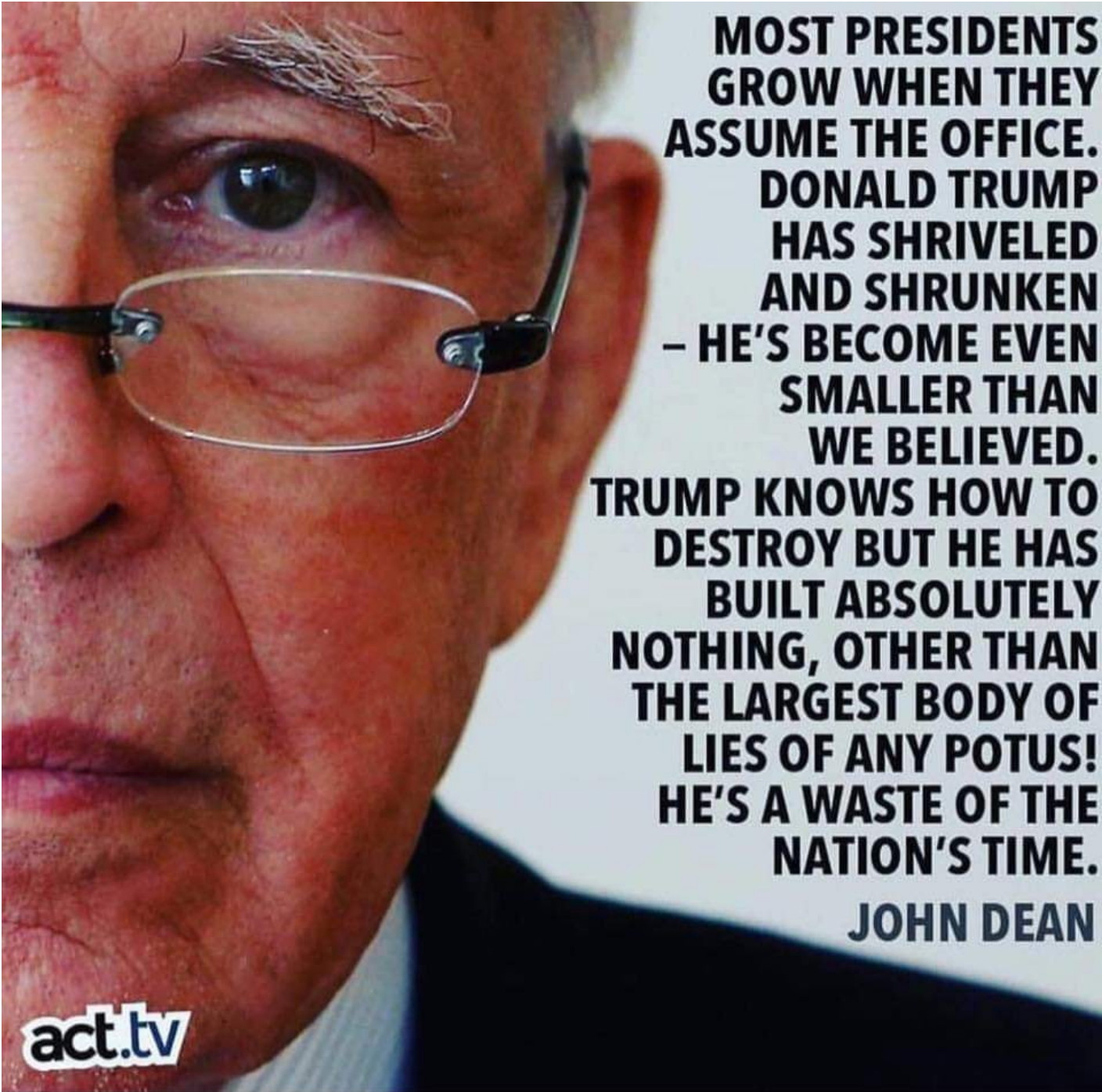
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A close-up, high-angle portrait of John Dean, an older man with white hair and glasses, looking slightly to the right. The image is cropped to focus on his face and upper torso. The background is a plain, light color.

**MOST PRESIDENTS
GROW WHEN THEY
ASSUME THE OFFICE.
DONALD TRUMP
HAS SHRIVELED
AND SHRUNKEN
– HE'S BECOME EVEN
SMALLER THAN
WE BELIEVED.
TRUMP KNOWS HOW TO
DESTROY BUT HE HAS
BUILT ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING, OTHER THAN
THE LARGEST BODY OF
LIES OF ANY POTUS!
HE'S A WASTE OF THE
NATION'S TIME.**

JOHN DEAN

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TREASON'S GREETINGS



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**IF MY MOUTH
IS MOVING...**



I'M LYING

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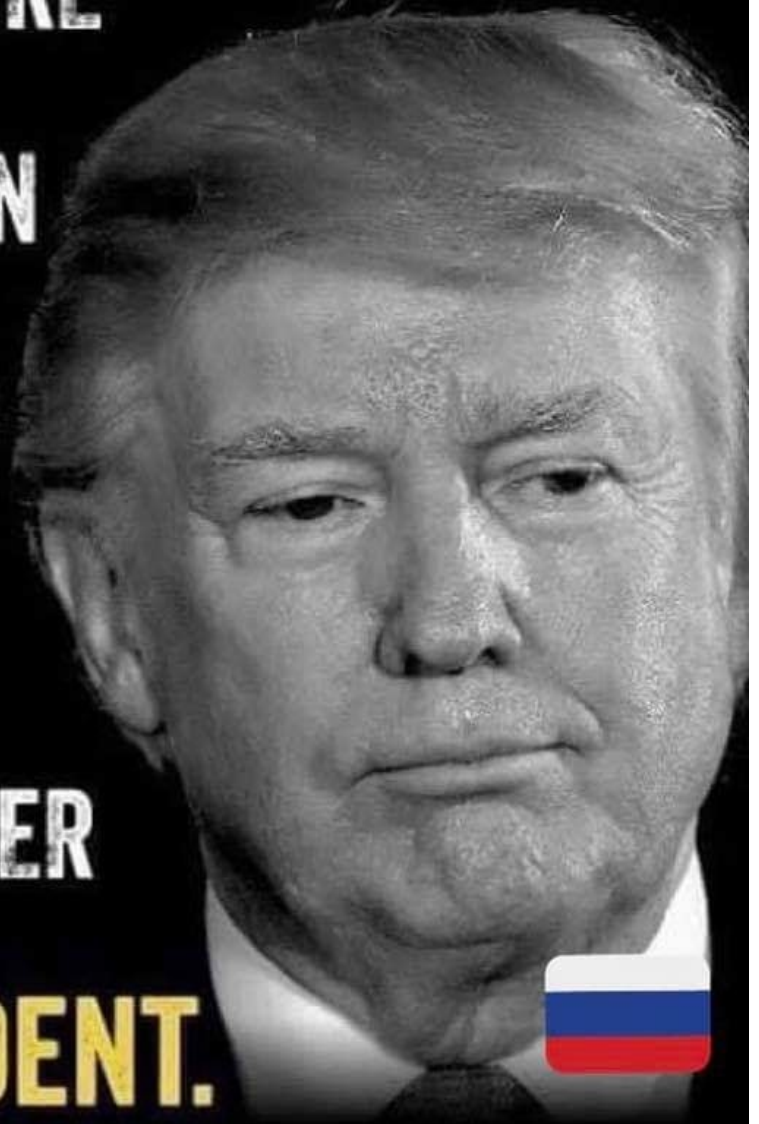
FAKE CHRISTIAN

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New 'Teflon Don' from new york? Even drudge is constrained to say so and, given the pervasive level of american corruption, that's probably true! How embarrassing.

Note: Nobody mentions the second trillion borrowed by the government of course things temporarily feel good the whole political point of same but disaster, as night follows day, is just around the corner!

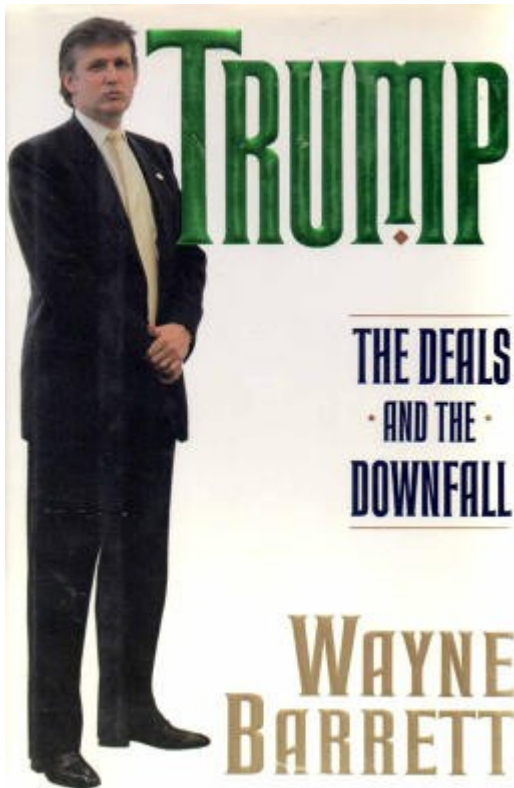
Trump's economy is a train wreck waiting to happen { That is a true statement! } Mark Zandi is chief economist of Moody's Analytics. [CNN](#)

Van Jones: Trump speech was 'psychotically incoherent'

ANN COULTER: 'LUNATIC' TRUMP COULD FACE GOP CHALLENGER

‘.....But Trump told a different story to casino regulators who were deciding whether to grant him the lucrative gambling license.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with these people," he said about Shapiro and Sullivan during licensing hearings in 1982, according to "TrumpNation." "Many of them have been in Atlantic City for many, many years and I think they are well thought of." Sullivan's unsavory reputation did not stop Trump from later arranging for him to be hired as a labor negotiator for the Grand Hyatt, a hotel project on Manhattan's East Side, according to *People* magazine and the [Los Angeles Times](#). Trump also introduced Sullivan to his own banker at Chase, though he declined to guarantee a loan to Sullivan, reported the *L.A. Times*.



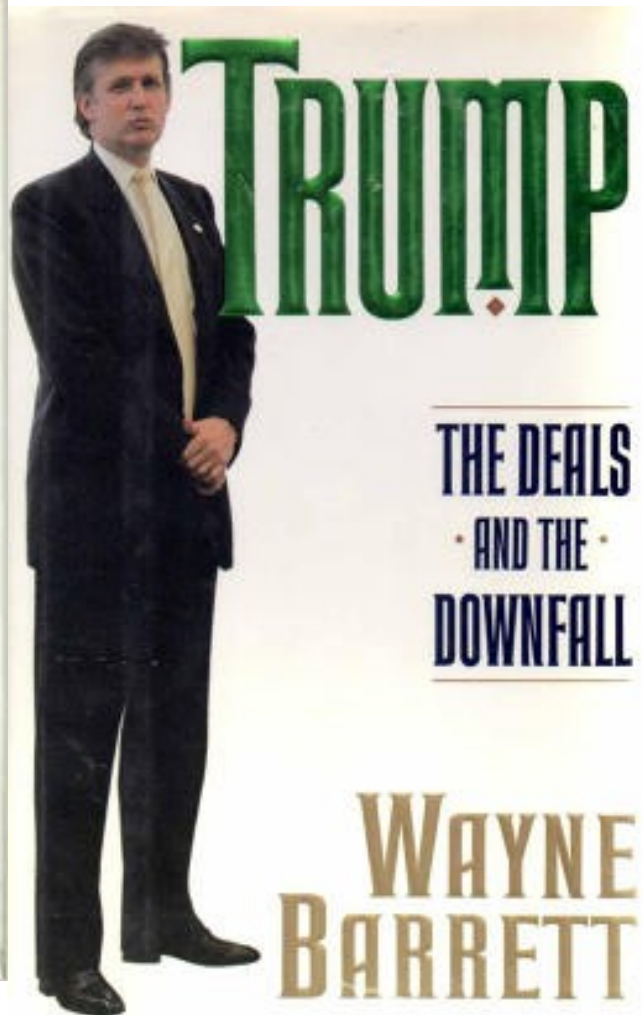
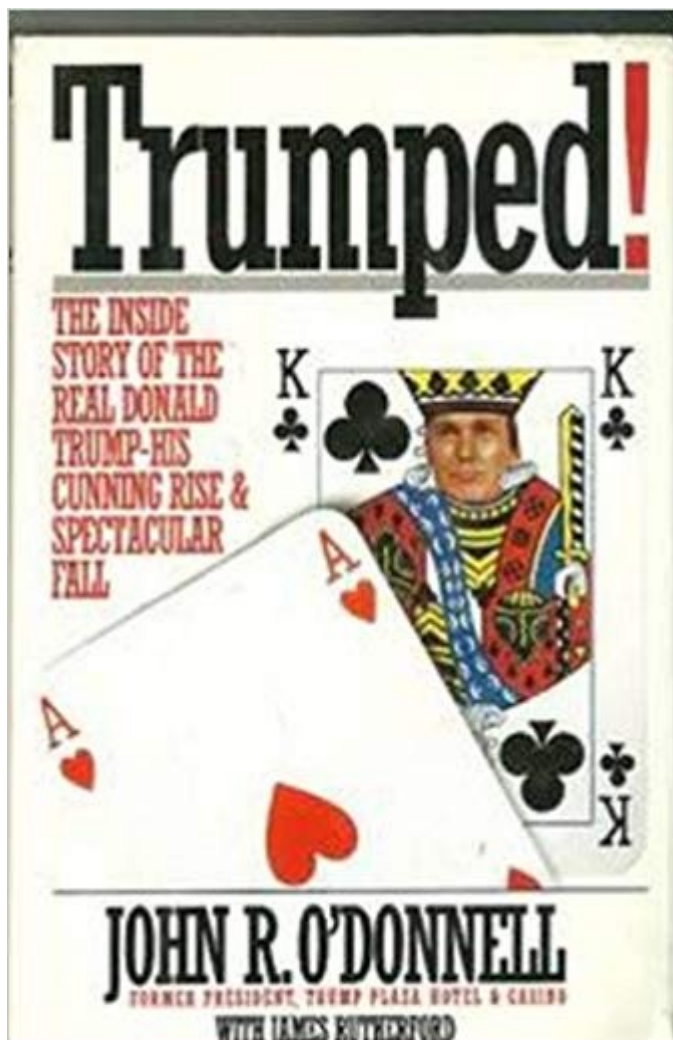
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