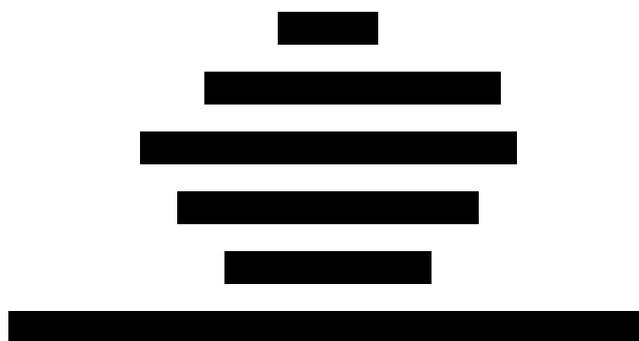


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Donald Trump

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Is seen by many in this world as a cunt

But why is that?!

Since he is the president of the United States

-Probably because he is a man with many shades

Lying about many things

Makes us wish he spread his wings

And just flew away

In order to stop acting this way

Disrespecting women

By saying things like "grab her by the p***y"

Sounds actually very pushy

And makes one think about where we are at in the year 2018

In the years long before the queen?

Or is this just a play on screen?

Unfortunately it's not, for this is reality

Oh wait, but climate change is not

It is just casually that hot

At least this is what Trump claims

Building a wall was his attempt in first place

But actually it seems not to be the case

Playing with the potential push of a button

With the leader Kim Jong Un all the sudden

Scares many of us

so we would rather take the bus and just get out of here

But let's have a look at Melania Trump
Does she seem a little dumb?
Or, should we just feel sorry for her?
wanting to have a good life by the side of a rich man
turns out she is the First Lady now
not expecting that at exchanging the vow

His legendary finger pointing
While saying "you are fired"
In his show *the Apprentice*
Makes us want to send this
back at him
"Donald Trump- YOU are fired!"

Explanation/ Further Thoughts:

I chose to write a poem about Donald Trump because I feel that this is the only way to critically talk about the president of the United States in this way. Before attending the seminar I was already critical towards Donald Trump, but now after attending the seminar I have learned so much more about his presidency and the person Donald Trump himself that I now feel confident writing such a poem. In the beginning of the course I thought that there might even be positive attributes about Trump which had not been portrayed by the media here in Germany or that I just might have missed myself, and I was very open towards changing my mind if this would have been the case. But this seminar has actually shown me much more negative sides of Donald Trump than I have known before which helped me being confident about my personal opinion which I had made up myself before.

What was especially interesting to me was how the media has the power to change the minds of many people and how the media can be used as a tool to convince and influence people in many different ways. In this case, these were the campaign ads, the so called "attack ads", which criticize opposing candidates like Hillary Clinton. Before the seminar I did not know that these types of ads existed and I would not have thought that this was legal during a campaign, running for president. I myself consider these "attack ads" as not playing fair and trying to distract from personal weaknesses instead of convincing society of personal strengths and arguments.

Furthermore, the many inappropriate Tweets we looked at that Donald Trump tweeted were much more than I was aware of in the first place and it seriously shocked me that a president publicly discriminated people against, and especially women in such a way without having to deal with any consequences.

Reading Donald Trump's "*Great Again: How to fix our crippled America*" underlines his characteristics which we had previously talked about and analyzed in class. Sentences like "...and the fact that I have won the election for the President of the United States is not a great surprise for me.", shows how convinced he is about himself and the things he does. He also mentions in his book that America at the time of the election was a mess and that the country was in need for someone with common sense and business acumen, someone who can truly lead America according to him, referring to himself. He was not only talking about someone with a great idea of how to make business but

also someone who can show a record of his previous business, obviously underlining in this context that this person and the perfect candidate for the the position of the President of the United States could just have been him, presenting himself as the one and only. In addition to that, he even claims that he really is a nice guy and that the people should believe that. That he is the perfect combination of the nice guy and a guy who is determined to make changes in the country and to take actions. What I am asking myself is when someone really is a nice person at heart – why is there the need of trying to convince people about it by emphasizing on it over and over again. To me this is the reason to believe the opposite.

Summarizing the class and my personal feedback, I see Donald Trump as a very controversial person in politics and have learned how to critically analyze political behaviour in this seminar and what kind of tools in the media can be used to manipulate people and their opinions.