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## **MADAM SECRETARY... IF YOU PLEASE...** **AS TRUMP, STUMBLES, FADES & “SUNDOWNS” IN 2ND HALF...**



Let me get this straight...

Just as America was busy watching the “bright shiny object” of the “DEBATE OF OUR LIVES!”... Two of the planet’s worst tyrants were bombing women and children to death in the Syrian City of Aleppo.

A city that is one of the oldest continuously existing cities in the world... with a rich past and heritage... and also of course a lot of currently dying inhabitants... now trapped in the city and being slaughtered while we watch our political poll-dancing competition.

John Kerry has called for all Russian communications to cease unless the bombing stopped. But Putin has now rejected that move... so we are currently in perhaps the most serious military condition with the Russians in decades.

So *what* does the current Republican Party's candidate do the morning after his emasculation by "Lyin-Hillary-Clinton" (before perhaps 90 million people)?

He went on Fox News' milk-toast "Fox & Friends" to be interviewed by phone... in the early morning... probably in his underwear from his Louis XIVth... half-acre... gold-encrusted apartment... around the corner from the three current (though allegedly *not* sexually molested) morning show "hosts".

Oh what would the world do without "Fox & Friends"!

Leading purveyors of our "post truth" age...

America does love it. "YUGE" ratings! And they haven't changed a thing.

Trump originally appeared every Monday on the show for years as he built a political fan base out of those that were already fans of his ridiculous non-reality shows. "*Trump's a smart guy... he can get it done!*" .... But I digress....

Trump's main topic for this particular morning of very serious international foreign policy news... was to pick a fight with a Miss Universe from twenty years ago after Hillary had used the woman's story of verbal abuse by Trump at the age of only **18** to bash him over his misogynistic head at the debate. As it appears that Trump had called her "piggie" and "Ms Housekeeping" as part "fat shaming" and part an insult to her Latina heritage.

Just as I predicted in my ["mini Gazette"](#) email to all of you...

Hillary "killed" and Trump went straight for the "bait" every time.

And she played Trump like a finely tuned fiddle.

Early in the debate Trump indicated that he was asking if he should call Hillary “Secretary Clinton”... trying to look respectful... while also knowing that he had damned sure called her “Hillary” while attending his *mail-order* wedding.

Trump stated: “*Now, in all fairness to Secretary Clinton -- yes, is that OK? Good. I want you to be very happy. It's very important to me*” . Weird... huh?

But she didn't say a thing and she frequently referred to him only as “*Donald*” (as Trump is *only* a private citizen). A sly way to take the “power”.

And she saved the Miss Universe stuff for the end so that she could land a final knock-out blow... which she did. It was a very good night for Ms. Clinton.

But Trump strangely thought that he had done great immediately afterward and even commended the commentator... until his people sat him down and showed him the way it was all being perceived. He had no idea that he had sucked so badly. He was fried. Burnt out. “Party with Donald” time was over... this was the real world now. Only one thing left to do...

Attack everyone in all directions at once! It *couldn't* have been Trump's fault!

It was the microphone! It was the press! “I won in the polls!” (which were only early polls from extreme right-wing sites like Breitbart and Drudge...)

And of course now... he attacked the commentator.

Hillary won the *real* polls easily. But will it translate to votes?

I've watched it three times now and you can see Clinton's calculations when you know what's coming up next. By the third time I could see the scripting... but the first time is the only time that counts and it worked beautifully. She knew what she was doing... and she has a great team.

Trump seriously fell apart about thirty minutes in... and it could be a real issue.

Maybe all those nut-bags on the right with their “Hillary is Sick” stories were setting things up... as they possibly knew that Trump didn't have the mental stamina or “chops” to do this job... and figured that they would hit Hillary with

the same issue *first*. The same way their forefathers [swift-boated](#) John Kerry (one of the few true American heroes in politics) as they knew their own candidate had questionable military experience and previous nasal issues

I don't mean to plant yet another conspiracy theory here... As I really hate that shit... but read through the [transcript of the entire debate](#)... or better yet... [watch the whole thing again closely](#)... and then try to make sense of some that stuff Trump says in the second half. The part about Rosie O'Donnell toward the end was like seeing a once-legendary Catskills comedian failing with the crowd and struggling to reach back to their earliest stale "bits"... in a quest to be loved... as *everyone* must love Trump... and now he was losing!

And losing a debate like this can have strange consequences from someone as unstable as Trump. I expect another execution of staff members soon... but more importantly... the man really has NO stamina... He's done... fried... But... he *can* certainly still win... and we need every vote to stop him.

Can you imagine if Hillary has *sniffed* every few seconds as Trump did?

One of the best recent Trump lies was his claiming that it *wasn't* him sniffing but rather a microphone problem. Hillary's great response was... "*If you are talking about microphone problems you must not have had a very good night*".

Howard Dean has caught a good bit of shit about tweeting that it was maybe a cocaine problem. And I have to admit... the first thing that I thought about was that maybe he was doing cocaine to jack himself up for the situation. That would certainly explain the strange rising and falling of energy at his rallies and his extreme narcissistic tendencies... anyone that has known "coke freaks" know the personality. And it does fit... but there is no proof. But certainly more believable than the Democrats using Hillary "body doubles".

I simply think he isn't in good enough physical or mental shape to be running.

Trump shows a lack of clarity as he fades over time... it should be a concern.

[Giuliani](#) suggested just after the debate that Trump should back out of future debates because "the moderators weren't going to be fair".

Which was bullshit... Trump is Rudy's only shot at any kind of publicity ever again so he's hitching his wagon to him while also realizing that Trump doesn't "have it" for the upcoming Hillary debates. Especially a "Town Hall" debate.

And of course the Trump kids are fuming yet again... "It's everyone's fault!"  
As *someone else* has made their Dad look bad... yet again.

Trump indicated afterwards that he *could* have gone negative into Bill Clinton's affairs but that he was being "nice" because Chelsea was there in the audience. He didn't add this... but the weird thing is that [Chelsea is actually a close friend with Ivanka Trump](#)... Donald's daughter.

Ivanka is of course... the person who is calling all the shots... or trying to.

But oh how I hope he "goes there" next time. People forget that Bill Clinton had the [highest presidential approving rating when leaving office in 65 years](#).

**Final Presidential Job Approval Ratings**  
*Truman - G.W. Bush*

Year	Interview Dates	President	% Approval	% Disapproval	% No Opinion
1952	Dec. 11-16	Harry S. Truman	32	56	12
1960	Dec. 8-13	Dwight D. Eisenhower	59	28	13
1969	Jan. 1-6	Lyndon B. Johnson	49	37	14
1974	Aug. 2-5	Richard Nixon	24	66	10
1976	Dec. 10-13	Gerald Ford	53	32	15
1980	Dec. 5-8	Jimmy Carter	34	55	11
1988	Dec. 27-29	Ronald Reagan	63	29	8
1993	Jan. 8-11	George Bush	56	37	7
2001	Jan. 10-14	William J. Clinton	66	29	5
2009	Jan. 9-11	George W. Bush	34	61	5

\*data excludes presidents who died in office (F. Roosevelt & Kennedy)  
data compiled from the Gallup Poll

**Citation:** Gerhard Peters. "Final Presidential Job Approval Ratings." [The American Presidency Project](#). Ed. John T. Woolley and Gerhard Peters. Santa Barbara, CA: University of California. 1999-2009. Available from the World Wide Web: [http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/data/final\\_approval.php](http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/data/final_approval.php).

And for those of you considering voting Libertarian...

The Libertarian candidate [didn't even know what Aleppo was](#) and couldn't [name a single world leader](#) currently alive on the planet. Oh... and he would privatize everything with no regulations on anything. The environment would be handled by the courts. Anyone up for suing Exxon? And I agree with everything the Green Party stands for... but Hillary is for that stuff too. I would love to live in a world where unicorns danced through rainbows... but a Trump

election will destroy the environment... and a “Green” vote goes to Trump  
Love her or hate her... Hillary is all we’ve got... And if you dig into her past,  
most of the “scandal” stuff is total bullshit. I’ll write about all of that soon...

And of course conservatives were outraged that she was asked nothing about  
Benghazi at the debate. After [eleven hours of testimony](#) is there anything left?  
Hillary was a tiger in this first debate... and with a “town hall” coming up where  
Trump has to act “real”... it will certainly get even better with time.

And again...

You don’t have to love her...

But you can’t help give us a “*President Donald John Trump Sr*” either.

And my bet is that she surprises everyone and is a really great president.

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**UPDATE from September 30th @ 12 noon:** Trump went on a [wild tweeting](#)  
spree again this early morning about the former Miss Universe. As I  
predicted... he did something totally insane after realizing that he had lost the  
debate. Trump implied that she had a “sex tape”... but the “tape” is  
supposedly from a Spanish language reality show that she did. There is no  
nudity. Unlike the [totally nude pictures of his own wife](#) published in a French  
adult magazine. But conservative broadcaster Hugh Hewitt theorized today  
that Trump may have returned to the Miss Universe topic with tweets to cover  
up the bigger news stories breaking in Newsweek about how Trump broke the  
embargo on Castro’s Cuba in 1998 (are you hearing this Florida?) and in the  
Washington Post about how The Trump Foundation was never legally  
registered as a charity and should have not been able to solicit money from  
donors. Trump “plays” the media... and he knows a sexist sleazy attack beats  
his legal issues easily in our hungry 24 hour news cycle. And of course it  
covers up his friends in the Kremlin who are currently killing people in Aleppo.