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WHY DONALD TRUMP LOST THE DEBATES

AND WHY HIS SEX-PREDATOR SCANDAL... AND MELANIA GAFFES... HAVEN'T AFFECTED HIS CORE SUPPORTERS



I first warned that we needed to take Trump seriously back in [June of 2015](#).

When most people thought his candidacy to be a joke.

From his first glide down his golden escalator from his kitsch-infested palatial abode... with Melania at his side... Trump knew the theatrics of playing to a crowd. Even if in this particular case [he had to hire actors](#) and send people hawking out on to 5th Avenue to help fill the tower's atrium. Nobody cared... until Trump opened his mouth.

And once he called Mexicans rapists... a star was born... and America's uneducated white people quickly lined up behind him. At last... they had found their man.

From his [readings of the speeches of Hitler](#) he had learned the power of winding up the crowd... though his “rallies” [more resembled those of Mussolini](#). Trump loved his rallies.

And with the talents of a P.T. Barnum or a Huey P. Long he always knew how to promise “his people” *more...* by combining dumbed-down politics... with trashy “reality” entertainment consisting of the grandest of spectacles and buffoonish demonstrations which drew a massive audience from a world long dormant in the world of politics.

The angry... aging... white male. The guys that were “left behind” in the new economy.

After Trump’s second campaign manager quit in the shadow of his Russian / Ukrainian connections... he hired the current Kellyanne Conway... and gave her the impossible task of attempting to steer this out of control Atlantic City casino campaign bus.

But Conway’s lame attempts at scripting and “staying on message” immediately revealed a candidate with absolutely no public speaking talents... little passion... and the charisma of a cinder block. And they even used tele-prompters. He was like a terrible actor trying to play the role of a statesman in his first time ever on stage.

And of course Trump hated it... as nobody tells him what to do... and he swung back quickly to the rallies and his improvisational surreality-show-circus of boasting... meandering... and condemning... with [91% of his statements](#) apparently being lies.

Donald Trump is a “one trick pony”. He’s either “TRUMP!!!”... or he is nothing at all.

Although this “performance art” of being “TRUMP!!!”... worked well in a stage filled with many candidates in the primaries... and naturally at his rallies... it simply wouldn’t fly in the more serious “one on one” debates without audience reactions from which to “feed”.

The audience was well behaved in the first two debates and Chris Wallace was particularly good at controlling the third. He was also my choice as the best moderator.

But without his usual audience of screaming adoring fans... Trump couldn't be "Trump!".

It's like imagining a great comedian going onstage at a club with no one there to listen.

It's impossible to have a "good night". Trump is *entertainment*... he needs a crowd.

His rallies are "events"... and I'm sure fun for the participants. And Trump feeds on his crowd... always stepping perilously close to the edge of danger... with "over the line" rhetoric that always swirls the massive crowds into a frenzy. They love it. Hate sells...

The core of his base has been thoroughly analyzed as being uneducated white males... and there are a lot of them... and many have rarely if ever voted. Until NOW...

It is no wonder that he is supported by racists, bigots, and white supremacists.

You know... the "deplorables"... of which Clinton truly spoke.

The kind of people that possibly have no issue with Trump's "pussy grabbing" or the fact that he is on his third wife... who appears more as an "accessory" than a traditional wife.

A lot of angry older white guys probably love this shit... the old fat man with the comb-over and the "hot younger chick". And who cares if she doesn't seem to have a brain of her own in her head. That's why they *like* her. She herself is guilty of the [Michelle Obama plagiarism](#). She's really an idiot. Which is why Ivanka is filling in for that role.

My bet is that Melania will be "tossed out with the the trash"... after Trump loses.

She really messed up... and Donald Trump lives for nothing if not revenge.

The party is almost over... as these “Trump-Fests” will soon be coming to an end.

But Trump’s world will not return to where he was before beginning these shenanigans.

As residents of the huge row of Trump condos on the upper west side of Manhattan and residential towers in other cities are working to [have their building’s names changed](#)... his golf courses are [losing major tournaments](#)... and his [hotel bookings are down 59%](#)!

When he first started running for president Trump claimed to be worth \$11 billion dollars while Forbes put the number closer to \$4 billion (Mark Cuban looked into it quite a bit and estimates that Trump’s liquid assets equal about [\\$165 million dollars](#)).

To Trump... the difference between \$4B and \$11B is that his “brand” was worth \$7B...

But what would *that* “brand” be worth now?

And a “media empire” is a lot harder to build than he may think.

And if the “Russian Connection” can ever be made... Trump may indeed go to jail.

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