

The Despot's Apprentice: Donald Trump's attack on democracy

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DONALD
TRUMP'S
ATTACK
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DEMOCRACY

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Credit: The Atlantic







**“War is peace.
Freedom is slavery.
Ignorance is strength.”**



George Orwell









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In addition to winning the Electoral College in a landslide, I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally

2:30 PM - 27 Nov 2016

51,454 Retweets 156,683 Likes

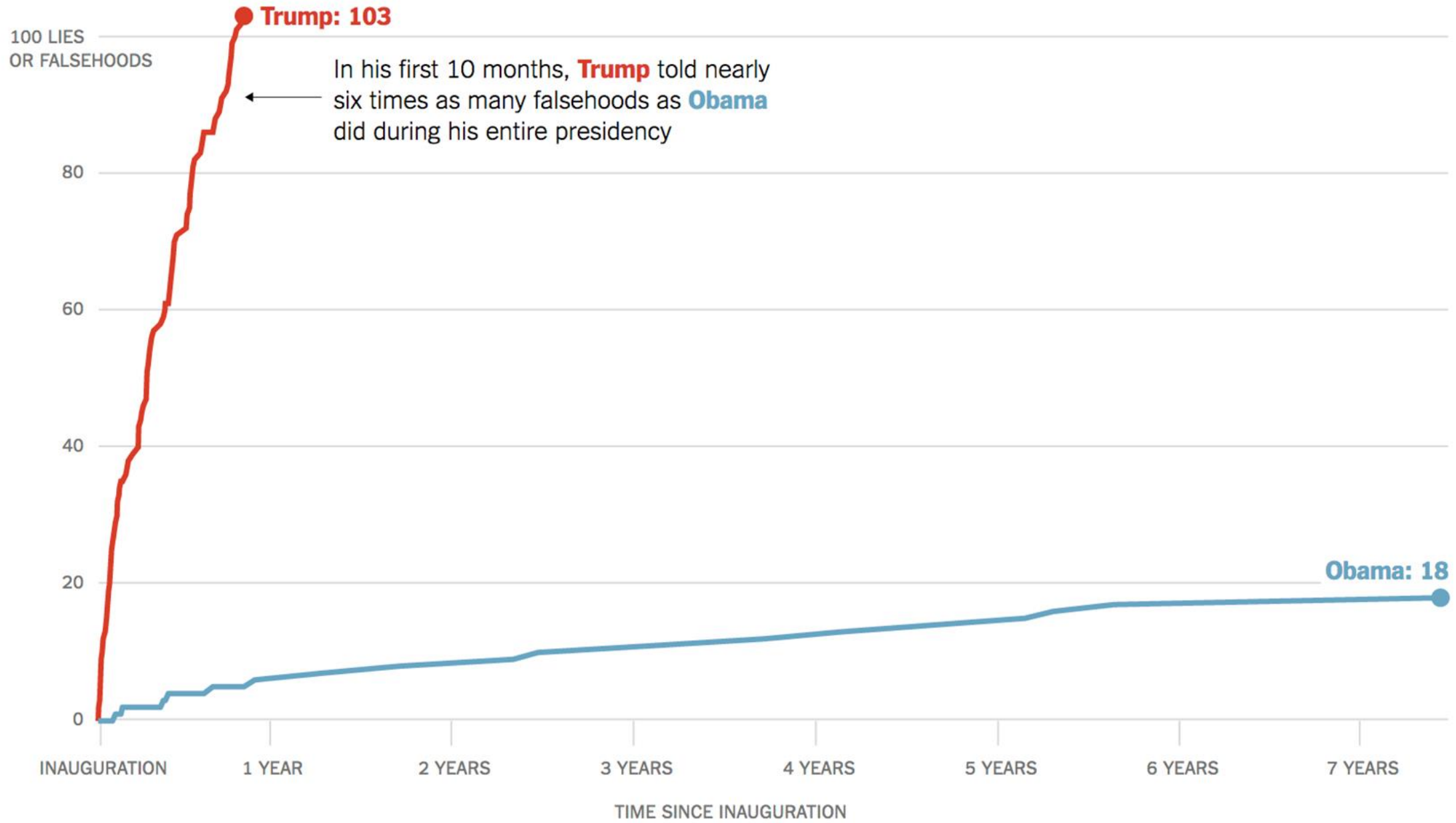


The Washington Post

Fact Checker • Analysis

President Trump made 2,140 false or misleading claims in his first year

$2,140 \div 365 \text{ days} = 5.86 \text{ per day}$



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10:32 AM ET

PRES TRUMP: FAKE NEWS IS THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

FOX NEWS ALERT



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The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American People!

3:48 PM - 17 Feb 2017

52,364 Retweets 158,925 Likes









Saturday
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SUPER TUESDAY
COVERAGE BEGINS

2 DAYS

RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

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TRUMP THREATENS FREE PRESS WITH LAWSUITS

RELIABLE SOURCES

U.S. EDITION 

Newsweek[®]

FREEDOM IN AMERICA: KENTUCKY NEWSPAPER SHOOTING IS THE LATEST ATTACK ON U.S. PRESS

BY **LUCY WESTCOTT** ON 5/30/17 AT 1:11 PM



BREAKING NEWS

BEN JACOBS ON BEING "BODY SLAMMED" BY GOP CANDIDATE

BEN JACOBS | POLITICAL REPORTER, THE GUARDIAN

LIVE

MSNBC

ON, MULTIPLE U.S. OFFICIALS TELL NBC NEWS



PRESIDENT TRUMP SLAMS FE

6:32 PM MT

Gianforte Sworn-In As Montana's Congressman





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#FraudNewsCNN #FNN



6:21 AM - 2 Jul 2017

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Replying to @SLandinSoCal

@foxandfriends and @realDonaldTrump

Nothing can stop the #TrumpTrain !!



News › World › Americas

Man arrested over alleged plot to kill CNN staff: 'Fake news. I'm coming to gun you all down'



Major Landlord Accused Of Antiblack Bias in City

U.S. Accuses Major Landlord of Bias

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fifty black families were assisted in moving into predominantly white buildings.

The New York Urban League, whose Operation Open City had filed complaints against the Lefrak Organization, called the agreement "a great disappointment" to numerous other blacks and Puerto Ricans "who for years have been denied an equal chance at Lefrak's housing units." Occupancy by blacks and Puerto Ricans has risen "substantially" at Lefrak buildings since

then, according to Mr. Pottinger. He said the Trump case had been referred to the Justice Department by the New York City Commission on Human Rights and was based, in part, on allegations made by Operation Open City. Specific violations were not mentioned in the complaint. The average monthly rental for a one-bedroom apartment in the Trump "villages" is about \$250, according to the younger Trump. A two-bedroom rental is about \$290.

U.S. RESUPPLYING ISRAEL'S ARMS TO OFFSET AIRLIFT FROM SOVIET; MOSCOW OFFERS ARABS FULL AID

PLEDGE BY SOVIET
Tough Position Adds to Atmosphere of Rivalry With U.S.
By MICHAEL WHITE
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—The United States pledged tonight to supply Israel with arms "in every way" to offset the airlift of Soviet arms to Arab forces in the Middle East, a State Department spokesman said tonight. The spokesman said the United States would supply Israel with arms "in every way" to offset the airlift of Soviet arms to Arab forces in the Middle East, a State Department spokesman said tonight. The spokesman said the United States would supply Israel with arms "in every way" to offset the airlift of Soviet arms to Arab forces in the Middle East, a State Department spokesman said tonight.

ISRAEL REPORTS REMNANTS OF IRAQI UNIT OUT OF ACTION
By CRAIG S. WHEAT
TEL AVIV, Oct. 18—The Israeli Defense Forces reported tonight that remnants of an Iraqi unit of 1,000 men were out of action in the Sinai Peninsula, it was reported tonight.

SAUDI THREAT ON OIL REPORTED
Witcher Is Said to Predict Resurgence of U.S. Policy
By EDWARD COVAN
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—The Saudi Arabian oil embargo, which has been in effect since Sept. 17, may be lifted, a Saudi Arabian official said tonight.

AGNEW SAYS HE QUIT TO AID NIXON IN RESTORING TRUST
By JAMES M. HANCOCK
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—Richard M. Nixon's decision to accept the resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew was a "great relief" to the President, Agnew said tonight.

U.S. FORGIVES TRIAL OF WEATHERMEN
Furloughs of Security Staffs Declared by Government in Case of 11 Fugitives
By MICHAEL WHITE
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—The United States government announced tonight that it would grant furloughs to 11 members of the Weathermen group who are fugitives.

MAJOR LANDLORD ACCUSED OF ANTI-BLACK BIAS IN CITY
By MICHAEL WHITE
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—The United States government announced tonight that it would file a lawsuit against the Lefrak Organization for alleged anti-black bias in its housing units.

WAR PASSES THROUGH A SYRIAN VILLAGE
By MICHAEL WHITE
TEL AVIV, Oct. 18—The Israeli Defense Forces reported tonight that a Syrian tank unit had passed through a village in the Golan Heights.

DOUGLAS SAYS JOHNSON TOLD HIM HIS OWN TELEPHONE WAS TAPPED
By JAMES M. HANCOCK
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—Senator Edward Brooke said tonight that President Lyndon B. Johnson had told him that his own telephone was being tapped.

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Students study of youth killed today in England as students studied with troops.

Students Gain Control in Thai Uprising
By MICHAEL WHITE
BANGKOK, Oct. 18—Students in Thailand gained control of the government today, ending a period of military rule that had lasted for several years.

Agnew Says He Quit to Aid Nixon in Restoring Trust
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Donald Trump literally wanted to make The Apprentice: White People vs. Black People

By German Lopez | @germanrlopez | german.lopez@vox.com | May 19, 2016, 4:36pm EDT

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An 'extremely credible source' has called my office and told me that [@BarackObama](#)'s birth certificate is a fraud.

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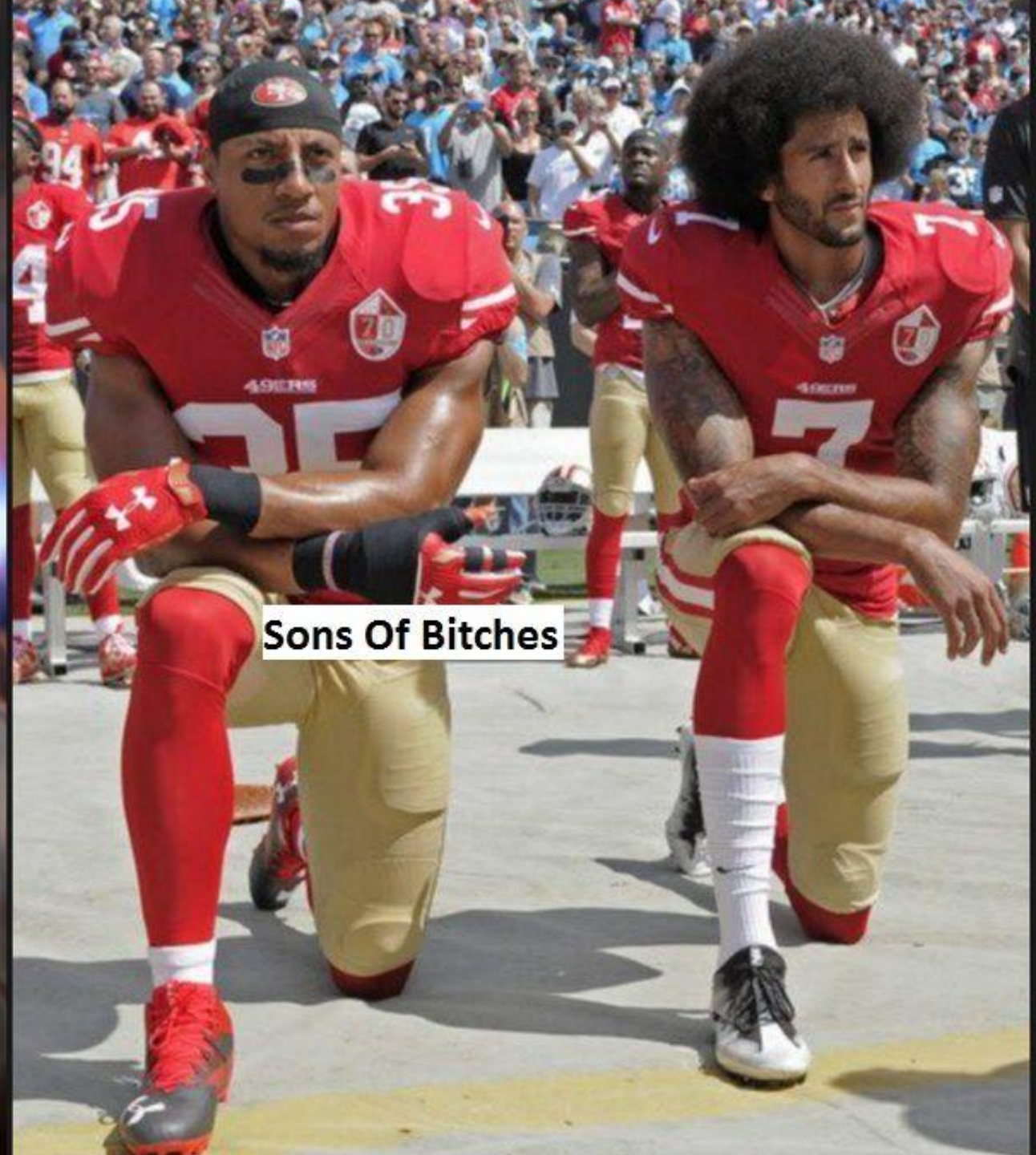
23,951 Retweets **18,922** Likes







Fine People



Sons Of Bitches



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PENCE
MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

MAKE AMERICA
GREAT AGAIN

MAKE AMERICA
GREAT AGAIN

LOCK HER UP



MAKE AMERICA
GREAT AGAIN

TRUMP
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SAVE
Lives







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You are witnessing the single greatest
WITCH HUNT in American political history -
led by some very bad and conflicted people!
#MAGA

6:57 AM - 15 Jun 2017

35,088 Retweets **118,667** Likes





THE DEEP STATE

FOX NEWS ALERT

NIGHTLY
NEWS





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When will the Fake Media ask about the Dems dealings with Russia & why the DNC wouldn't allow the FBI to check their server or investigate?

6:15 AM - 7 May 2017

18,241 Retweets 66,352 Likes



The logo for the news program 'Hannity', featuring the name in a stylized, italicized font within a blue and red shield-like border.

Hannity

A nighttime aerial view of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C., illuminated against a dark sky with city lights in the background.

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THE DEEP STATE**

A horizontal blue bar with a metallic, glowing effect, containing the word 'HANNITY' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

HANNITY

Take your kids to work day





TRUMP HAS PUT HIS SON-IN-LAW JARED KUSHNER IN CHARGE OF:

Trade

Middle East policy

Israel-Palestine peace

The Veterans Administration

Solving the opioid crisis

**Modernizing technology and
data in the federal government**

Infrastructure

Broadband Internet

The Washington Post

Investigations

**Meet the 24-year-old Trump
campaign worker appointed to help
lead the government's drug policy
office**

www.nytimes.com

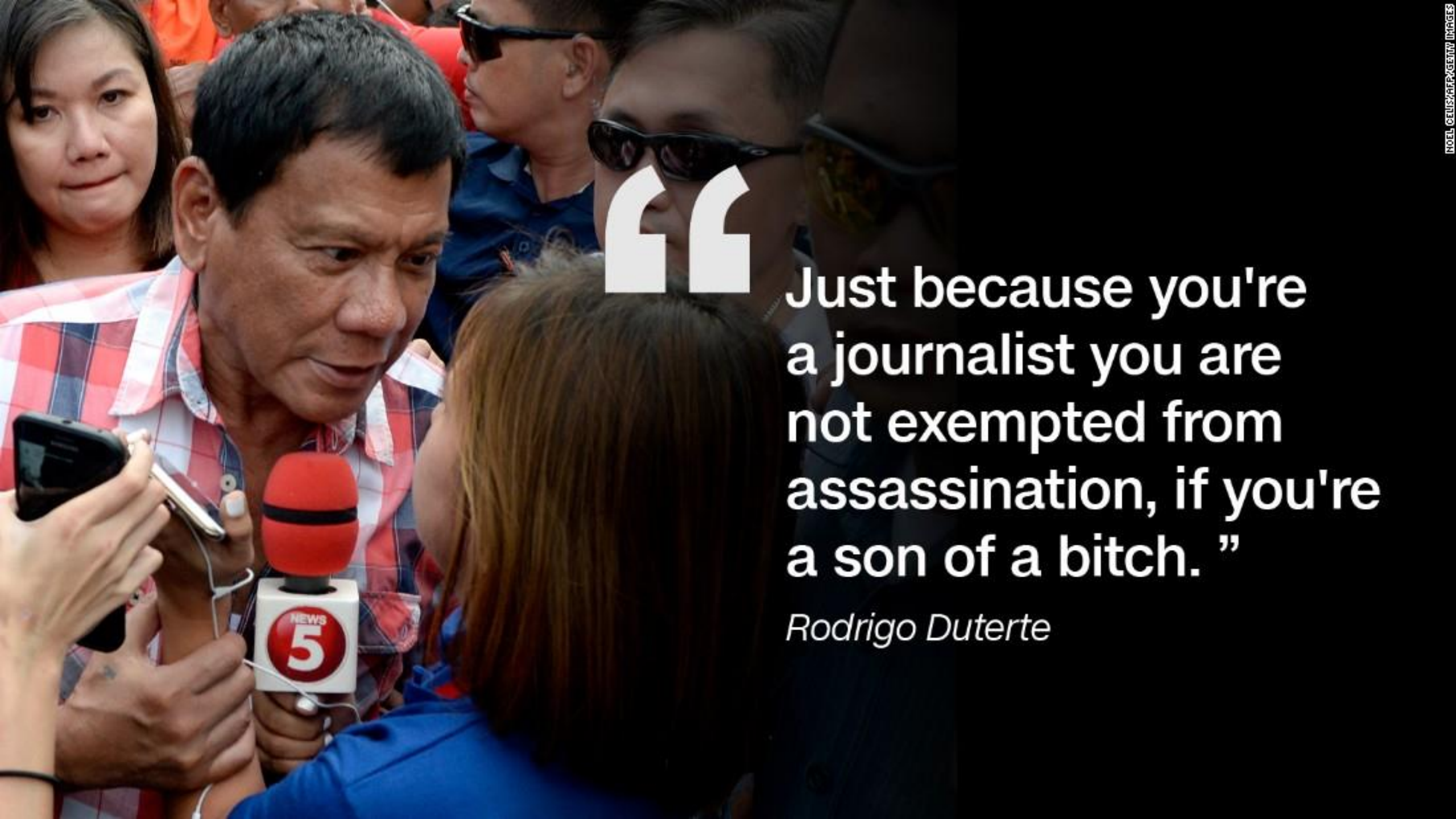
Trump Family Wedding Planner to Head New York's Federal Housing Office







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Pensacola, Florida
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“

Just because you're a journalist you are not exempted from assassination, if you're a son of a bitch.”

Rodrigo Duterte





An aerial photograph of a tall, modern skyscraper, the Trump Tower, standing prominently in a city at dusk. The building is illuminated from within, and its distinctive white, curved facade is visible. The surrounding city is lit up with warm lights, and the sky is a mix of blue and orange. The text 'TRUMP TOWER' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, serif font.

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AT CENTURY CITY
MAKATI, PHILIPPINES





Credit: The Atlantic



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