

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

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Credit: The Atlantic







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



George Orwell





조선민주주의

인민공화국만세!

수경부

정예하는 최고평도자 경정운동계
최대의 양용은 드립니라

우리 당의 총지휘관 김정은을
위대한 영도자로 받들고

최대한 김일성! 김정일주의 만세!





Donald J. Trump ✓

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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

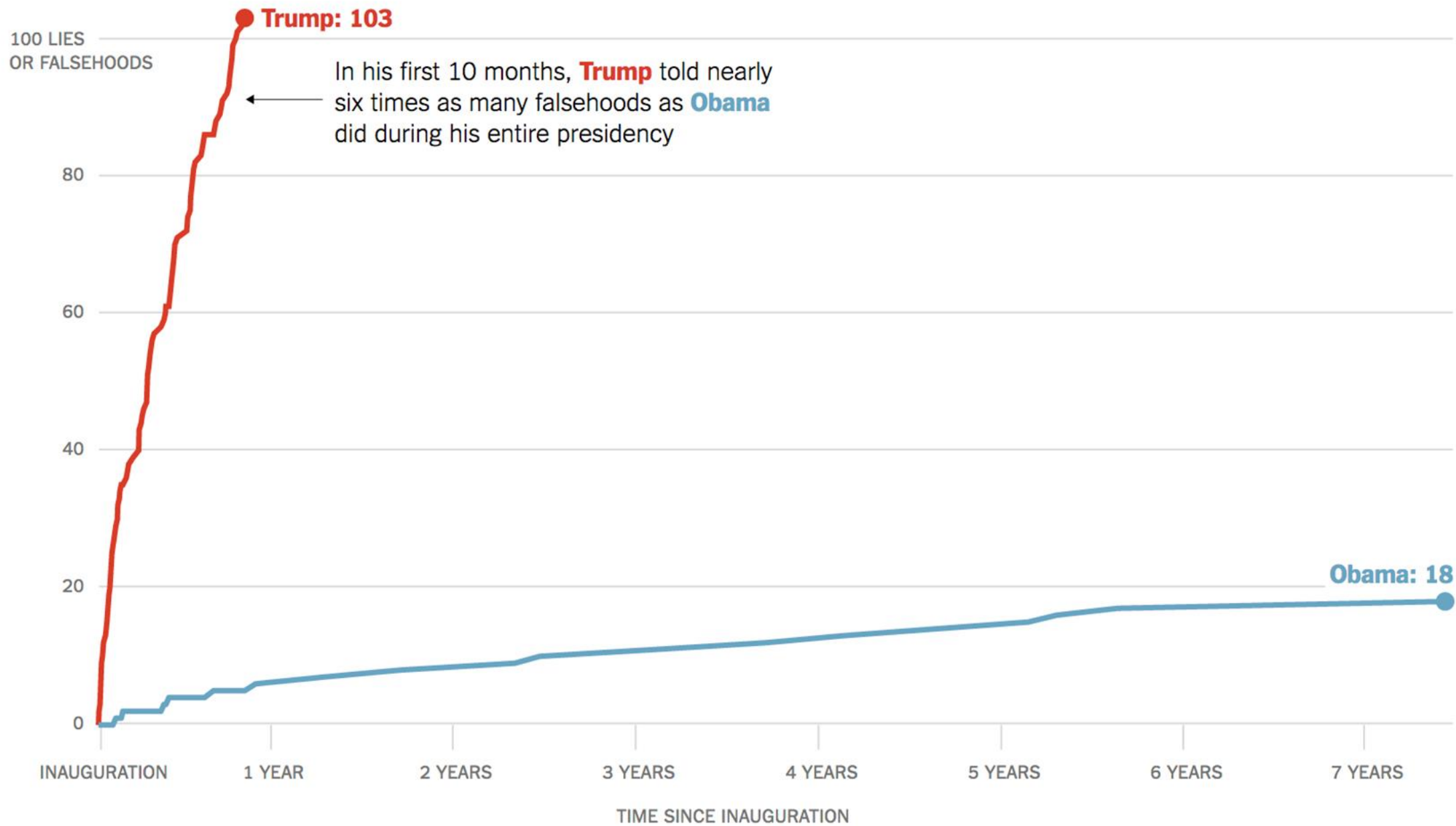


The Washington Post

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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@realDonaldTrump

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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!

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52,364 Retweets 158,925 Likes





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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

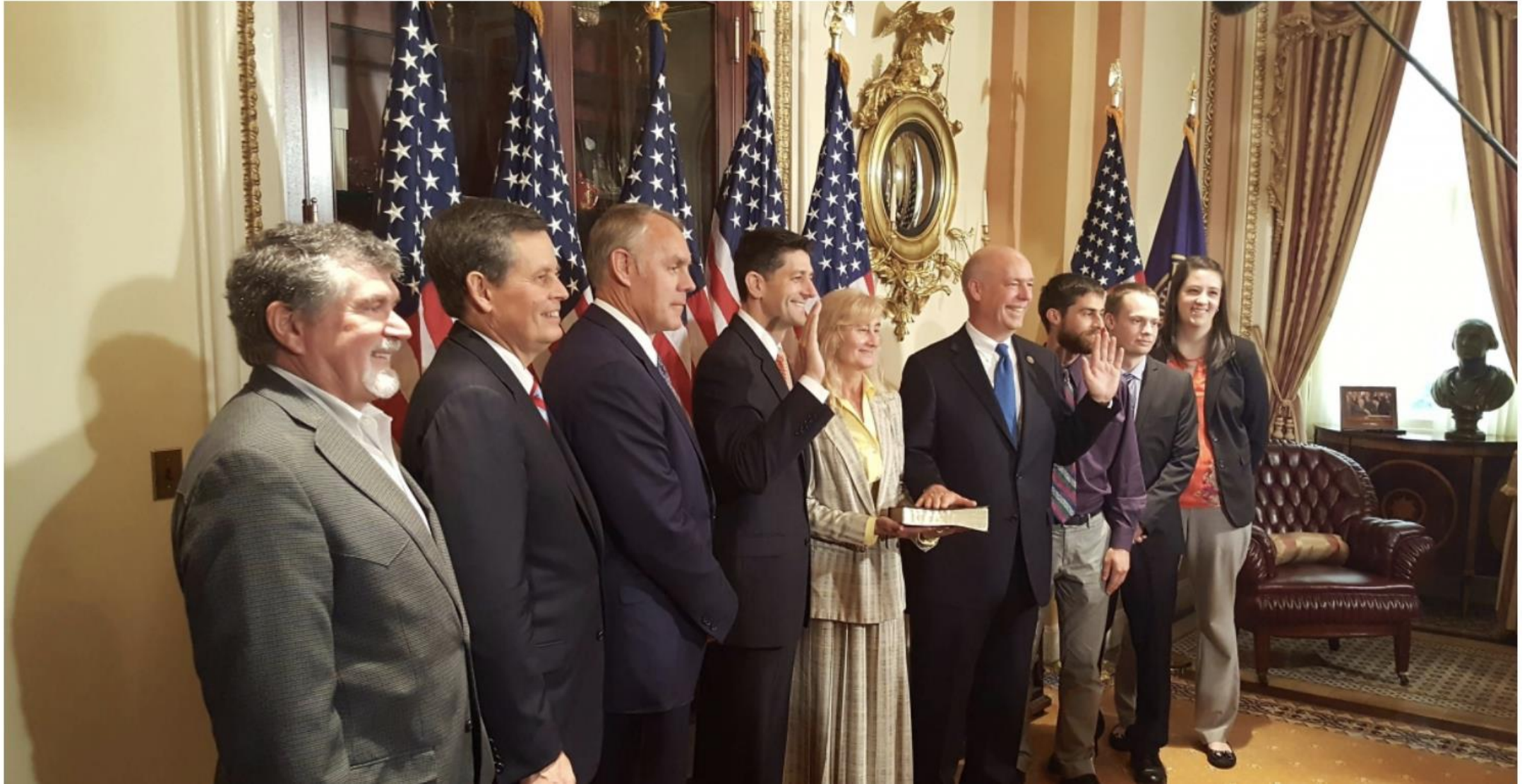
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ON, MULTIPLE U.S. OFFICIALS TELL NBC NEWS  **PRESIDENT TRUMP SLAMS FE**

6:32 PM MT

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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'





Students gain control in Thai uprising

Students Gain Control in Thai Uprising
Bangkok, Oct. 18 — A group of young men, some of whom are students, have taken control of a Bangkok school, and are demanding the resignation of the government. The students are demanding the resignation of the government, and are demanding the resignation of the government.

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



Pledge by Soviet

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Tough Position Adds to Atmosphere of Rivalry With U.S.
By MICHAEL WHITE
Moscow, Oct. 18 — The Soviet Union's pledge to supply arms to Israel in order to offset the airlift of arms from the Soviet Union to the Arab states, is a sign of the growing rivalry between the two superpowers.

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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 Jan. 28, 1971, in an agreement between the Justice Department and the Lefrak Organization.

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Washington, Oct. 18 — Richard M. Nixon's resignation from the White House was a "great relief" to the American people, according to Governor Richard M. Agnew.

U.S. Forecasts Trial of Weathermen

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Washington, Oct. 18 — The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has announced that it is preparing to file charges against several members of the Weathermen group.

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Washington, Oct. 18 — Senator Edward Brooke (R-Mass.) has accused President Lyndon B. Johnson of tapping his telephone.

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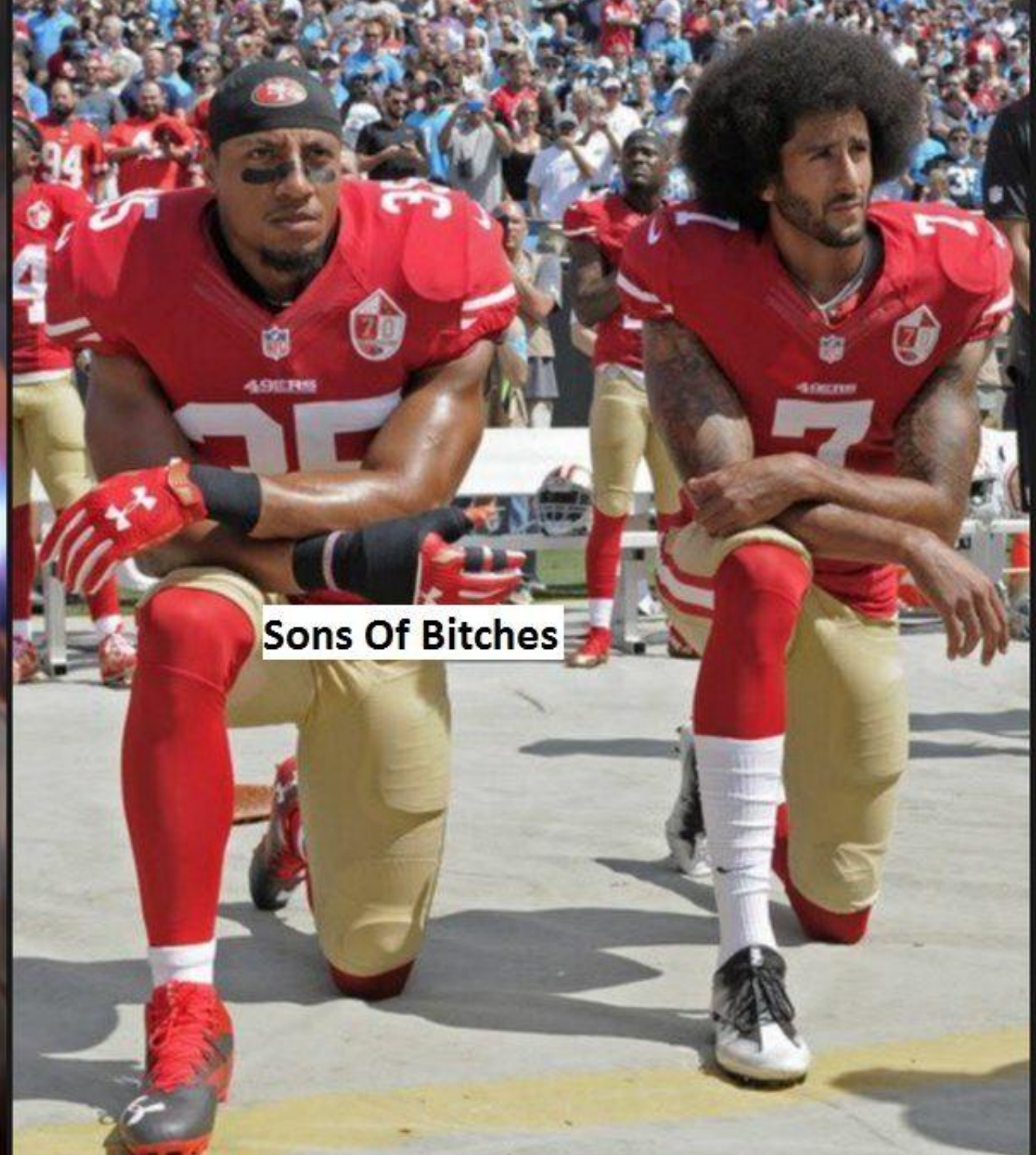
23,951 Retweets **18,922** Likes







Fine People



Sons Of Bitches



LOCK HER UP



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MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

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AGAIN**

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GREAT
AGAIN**

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PENCE**
MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN
**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





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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

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Take your kids to work day





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

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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

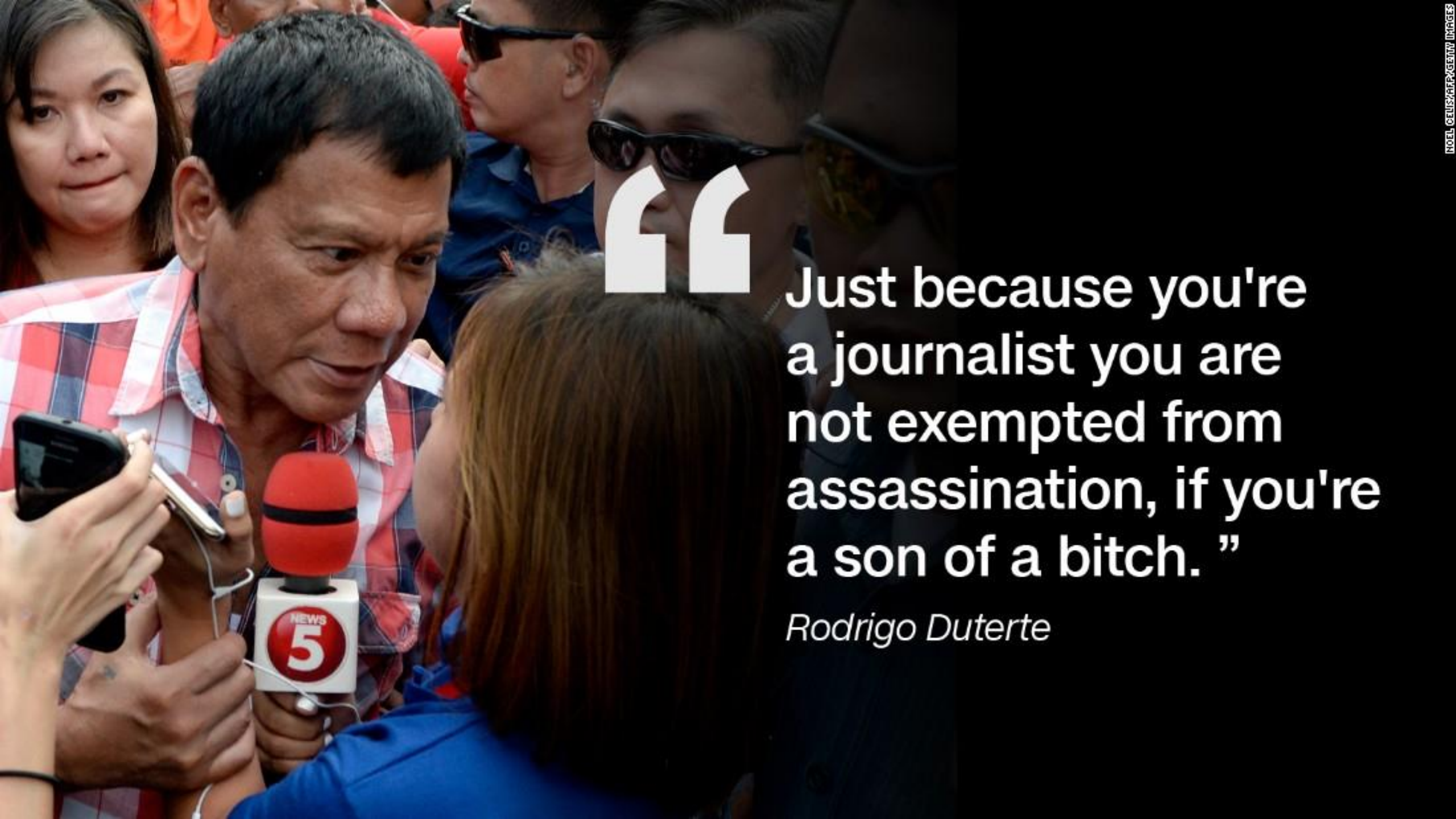
www.nytimes.com

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









“

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

Rodrigo Duterte





An architectural rendering of the Trump Tower at Century City in Makati, Philippines. The image shows a tall, modern skyscraper with a distinctive white, curved facade and a glass curtain wall. The building is illuminated from within, and its base is surrounded by a landscaped area with greenery and a parking lot. In the background, a dense urban landscape is visible, with numerous other buildings and lights. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is a high-angle view, looking down at the city from above the tower.

TRUMP TOWER[®]

AT CENTURY CITY
MAKATI, PHILIPPINES





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