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## A Note on Trump: We Are No Longer Entertained

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Earlier today, the candidate currently leading in the polls for the Republican presidential nomination [called for](#) a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States." That was, of course, Donald Trump. As Jeffrey Goldberg just [tweeted](#), "Donald Trump is now an actual threat to national security. He's providing jihadists ammunition for their campaign to demonize the US."

On the heels of Trump's proposed change for America, we will be changing how we cover him at The Huffington Post. Back in July, we [announced](#) our decision to put our coverage of Trump's presidential campaign in our Entertainment section instead of our Politics section. "Our reason is simple," wrote Ryan Grim and Danny Shea. "Trump's campaign is a sideshow."

Since then Trump's campaign has certainly lived up to that billing. But as today's vicious pronouncement makes abundantly clear, it's also morphed into something else: an ugly and dangerous force in American politics. So we will no longer be covering his campaign in Entertainment. But that's not to say we'll be treating it as if it were a normal campaign.

Our decision in July was made because we refused to go along with the idea, based simply on poll numbers, that Trump's candidacy was actually a serious and good faith effort to present ideas on how best to govern the country. We continue to believe this to be true -- and will

continue to let it guide our coverage -- but much has changed.

Yes, there was certainly no shortage of ugly comments from the beginning, as he kicked off his campaign with outrageous comments about Mexicans. But at first, this over-the-top xenophobia, though disgusting, played as the sour shtick of a washed-up insult comic. Now that Trump, aided by the media, has doubled down on the cruelty and know-nothingness that defined his campaign's early days, the 'can you believe he said that?' novelty has curdled and congealed into something repellent and threatening -- laying bare a disturbing aspect of American politics. We believe that the way we cover the campaign should reflect this shift. And part of that involves never failing to remind our audience who Trump is and what his campaign really represents.

As Jay Rosen recently [observed](#):

*"To an extent unrealized before this year, the role of the press in presidential campaigns relied on shared assumptions within the political class and election industry about what the rules were and what the penalty would be for violating them ... These assumptions were rarely tested because the risk seemed too high, and because risk-averse professionals -- strategists, they're called -- were in charge of the campaigns."*

That is, most politicians knew not to say outlandish and offensive and dangerous things because they knew they'd be punished for it. As Rosen continues, "Those beliefs have now collapsed because Trump 'tested' and violated most of them -- and he is still leading in the polls."

But that doesn't mean we in the media should in any way let Trump or those who would follow his footsteps off the hook. So as we cover his daily campaign, we'll constantly remind the public of what he stands for, citing references and providing links.

For example:

- 1) His enthusiasm for [creating](#) a database of all Muslims in the United States.
- 2) His ongoing [lies](#) about Muslims in New Jersey celebrating 9/11.
- 3) His [status](#) as birther-in-chief, cynically sowing doubt about President Obama's legitimacy as the duly elected President of the United States.
- 4) His misogyny -- [here's just one HuffPost piece on this](#), but there's no shortage of these.
- 5) His [xenophobia and scapegoating](#) of immigrants, including his lies about Mexican immigrants and his ardent desire to deport millions of undocumented immigrants.
- 6) His unmistakable passion for bullying. Again, there's no shortage of examples, but you could start with his [defense](#) of supporters who roughed up a protester at one of his rallies or his [ridiculing](#) of a disabled *New York Times* reporter.

And we're happy to see we're not alone in our desire to present the unvarnished, un-euphemized Trump. Last week, *The Washington Post's* Dana Milbank opened a [column](#) by writing, "Let's not mince words: Donald Trump is a bigot and a racist." And he went on to back that up, which isn't hard and is the approach any reporter with an interest in telling the truth to his or her readers should adopt.

So if Trump's words and actions are racist, we'll call them racist. If they're sexist, we'll call them sexist. We won't shrink from the truth or be distracted by the showmanship.

Of course, Trump isn't the only candidate out there spouting extreme and irresponsible messages, but he's in a unique position in the wall-to-wall coverage, from *Meet the Press* to *SNL*, that he elicits. By not calling out Trump's campaign for what it is, many in the media, addicted to the ratings buzz he continues to deliver, have been legitimizing his ugly views.

As we've seen in the Republican race so far, Trump's worst comments don't occur in a vacuum -- or land without repercussions. They affect the tenor of the conversation, frequently moving the line between what's considered mainstream and what's considered unabashedly extreme and unacceptable.

So we'll not only be covering the ways Trump's campaign is unique in recent American politics, but also the disastrous impact it continues to have on his fellow candidates -- and the national conversation.

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## REPLY to ARIANNA:



Eng. Monique Sidaross

Ariana, I like you, I am not taking side of anyone. I am writing to show conflicts in the system.

I am questioning why the media and politics alter and falsify facts and cut statements of the speakers and cover up on crime and illegality. Trump's statement clearly stated ".....temporarily until America figures out what the hell is going on". Why this half of the statement is absence?

Even if his idea is debatable by some, but why cut his statement in half to make it look wrong and alter his intention? This is illegal. Are deaths of hundreds of citizens and Christians not important? Hundreds of employees and engineers converted to islam under duress or may lose their job and get killed inside the state workplace? Is this the constitution and the freedom in America? I lost my job for same fact but no body cared? They killed me several times and I woke up.

I was elected the first woman engineer for the union in its 36-yr history in America (the free country and right of women, obviously not for woman engineer), I wanted to cause social change for the corruption of the mafia union (non licensed engineers) and the injustice who caused death of hundreds of engineers inside the building for 20 years by careless union, but neither the media nor politics cared...they wanted the system to stay corrupt, so they opposed and sacrificed the first female engineer by criminal way, defamed my name, ceased my salary and forged tax documents against me, and sent me gangs while I am studying for the doctoral degree in engineering ....it is all crap...everything is documented in the court where judges wanted to bribe me \$20,000.00 and forged documents and captions (what a cheap offer to woman engineer and what illegality inside closed court doors), bribe me to close the case and cover up on the union crime and harassment to woman engineer. I declined of course. What a great constitution adopted inside the courts that also sent me gangs at home to kill me, in addition that a judge willfully sent me insult note on Christmas instead of greeting! Why they support a religion but hate another. Is this the freedom in America???

I have served the country in unique status in teaching math and calculus and engineering --- knowledge and power that on one of all those voices and media and politics can acquire or learn. Why no one stood up for justice for a woman engineer? But now everyone wants to cover up on suspicious issue for the elected male president but ignore the right of elected female president....? The media avoids addressing my case or solve it, the radio interviews of couple of years are all hidden now and royalty of my book is stolen... they have no right to decide or rule for money of woman engineer....it is all ignorance and mafia... but it is okay for the media to ignore right of woman. They all lack solving problems, but they continue altering issues by negative ways always. I disagree on the articles mentioned above because it altered facts as it happened in the incidents I listed in this post. My advice is that the media and politics should stop this game because they look bad and lose trust of citizens and the world. I reserve my right for protection against further retaliation or harm or gangs or spy or altering documents and harassment on the road because I say the truth. When I get my rights, my language will change.

I would like to wish you and all your staff and the media a very Merry Christmas full of joy, happiness, and blessing.

Best regards,

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