Sticks and Stones – The use of identity labels in Twitter by Donald J. Trump

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Tiivistelmä – Abstract

Tämä tutkielman tarkoituksena on tarkastella Yhdysvaltojen istuvan presidentin Donald J. Trumpin kielenkäyttöä yhteisöviestintäpalvelu Twitterissä. Sosiaalisen median käyttöä poliittisena työkaluna on tutkittu paljon varsinkin politiikan ja viestinnän tutkimuksessa, mutta kielentutkimuksen kautta voidaan aiheeseen saada uusia näkökulmia. Twitter on viestinnän työkaluna poliitikoille alusta, jonka avulla on mahdollista tavoittaa suuria määriä ihmisiä ja puhutella heitä suoraan, ilman erillisiä lehdistötilaisuuksia ja puheita. Trump suosii viestinnässään lyhyitä lauseita ja yksitavuisia sanoja, ja koska Twitter julkaisuun ei ole mahdollista kirjoittaa pitkiä puheita, vaan viestintä on lyhyttä ja ytimekästä on se Trumpille sopiva viestintäkanava.

Trump hyödyntää Twitteriä johdatellakseen julkista keskustelua hänelle mielekkäisiin aiheisiin ja samalla pois hänelle vähemmän suosiollisista aiheista. Trump nimittelee vastustajiaan Twitterissä keksimillään lempinimillä ja yhdistää negatiivisia attribuutteja vastustajiinsa. Tässä tutkielmassa näitä nimityksiä kutsutaan termillä 'identity label', joka voidaan vapaasti suomentaa identiteettileimaksi. Tämä tutkielma pyrkii selvittämään minkälaisia identiteettileimoja Trump twiiteissään käyttää ja voidaanko niitä tarkastelemalla todeta tietyn kaavan toistuminen. Aineisto koostuu 200 satunnaisesti valitusta twiitistä vuosilta 2016-2019. Aineistoa tarkasteltiin sisällön analyysin kautta sekä induktiivisesti että deduktiivisesti, jotta mahdollinen toistuva kaava kielenkäytössä voitiin näyttää toteen.

Tutkimuksen tulokset osoittivat, että Trump käyttää identiteettileimoja toistuvasti ja ne seuraavat tiettyä kaavaa. Trump nimittää poliittisia vastustajiaan hulluiksi ja epäpäteviksi ja puolustajiaan hienoiksi ja lahjakkaiksi ihmisiksi. Tällaisia leimoja oli nähtävissä kaikkien analysoitujen vuosien twiiteissä, joten Trump ei ole muuttanut viestintätapaansa siirryttyään ehdokkaasta presidentiksi. Vaikka tutkielmassa pystyttiin näyttämään toteen tietynlainen kaavamaisuus ja identiteettileimojen käyttö, tutkittiin siinä vain pientä osaa Trumpin twiiteistä. Vuosien 2016 ja 2019 välisenä aikana Trump twiittasi noin 20 000 kertaa, joten otannan tulisi olla huomattavasti suurempi, jotta laajempia ja toistettavia tuloksia olisi mahdollista saada.

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1. Introduction

Social media has been recognised as one of the key elements of studying the political conventions of today. The importance of language use in social media has been highlighted because language is, in the end, the main tool of spreading political ideologies. The use of social media as a political tool has been studied broadly, especially in the fields of politics and communication, but through linguistic and discourse analysis some new perspectives can be found. Notable, however, is that in social media people tend to use short sentences and be repetitive, and thus, the amount of data that is linguistically interesting can be limited. This scarcity of data can, in turn, pose problems of its own to the methods and theories of linguistic and discourse analysis. (Krzyzanowski & Tucker, 2018: 142, 145.).

The relationship between social media and politics can be seen rather complicated, as politicians can speak directly to people regardless of their location. This is visible in many social media platforms, but especially Twitter has become a part of many politicians' political strategy and a way for them to influence the public discourse (Frame & Brachotte, 2015: 278). The current president of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, frequently uses Twitter to address people directly (Anderson, 2017: 36). A part of Trump's strategy is to alter people's perception of the truth and his opponents (Kreis, 2017: 614). As I show later in my analysis, Trump often uses insulting language in Twitter and attacks his rivals on a very personal level. According to Galinsky et. al (2003: 229) using labels that have negative connotations, one can disassociate themselves from the group that they label. This has been visible in Trump's tweets since his presidential campaign when he called career politicians corrupt and presented himself as the political outsider. Trump often used a #DrainTheSwamp in his tweets, such as in the following example tweet from 2016:

In order to #DrainTheSwamp & create a new GOVERNMENT of, by, & for the PEOPLE, I need your VOTE! Go to http://VOTE.GOP - LET'S #MAGA!

(@realDonaldTrump, 22.10.2016)

Ott and Dickinson (2019: 10) suggest that Trump's vast experience in the entertainment industry taught him the importance of storytelling and image-making and he utilised this experience in his presidential campaign. Thus, during his campaign Trump was perceived as an outspoken candidate who was not afraid to abandon political correctness (Theye & Melling, 2018: 322). According to Anderson (2017: 37), "what Trump lacked in policy, he gained in authenticity with the voters". As Trump transitioned from being a mere celebrity to being the president of the United States, his linguistic style remained unchanged (They & Melling, 2018: 323). The most essential change has

been that his preposterous language use is now being applied to political matters that concern a president (They & Melling, 2018: 323).

According to Howard Becker, who developed labelling theory, which is a central theme in his book *Outsiders* (1963), people define and construct their identities from the society's perceptions of them. Identity labels alter the self-esteem of groups and individuals and just a mere presence of a label can initiate stereotypic information about a group (Galinsky et al., 2003: 222). Studying the use of identity labels is relevant for, as Galinsky et al. (2003: 222) note, identity labels can be seen as means of producing interpretations of the social environment (Galinsky et al., 2003: 222). If the social environment is built on perceptions, these perceptions should be considered very important. In this bachelor's thesis I intend to study what kind of identity labels Trump uses in his tweets and if a pattern of language use can be detected. An identity label is understood here as a term that has a generalised meaning and connotation. I will discuss the term in more detail in sections 4.1. and 5.1. At the end of this thesis I also contemplate how my findings could be further studied and how my research method could be applied in future studies on similar topics.

2. Twitter as medium

During recent years, the relationship between politics and social media has drawn closer and this relationship has been studied extensively (Krzyzanowski & Tucker, 2018) and linguistic choices are an important factor in communication through social media. The interest in the relationship between politics and social media originates to the early 2000's and the first presidential campaign ran by Barack Obama. Obama was one of the first candidates to be active in social media and he gained considerable amount of attention through Twitter. Obama's successful social media use inspired researchers to see online political communication as one of the most important tools of modern political communication. (Krzyzanowski & Tucker, 2018.). Anderson (2017: 37) states that Twitter is a forum of vigorous political debates and offers politicians an opportunity to discuss essential topics, but as increasing number of politicians and candidates are using this platform, it has become more difficult to stand out. Trump was an avid Twitter user before his candidacy, and he continued using this platform as a presidential candidate as well. As a candidate he was able to differentiate himself from other candidates by using Twitter and, according to Anderson (2017: 37), his style of communicating appeared to surmount any weaknesses with his dubious political platforms.

According to medium theory, every medium of communication has distinctive and fixed physical, psychological and social features which shape the way users of that medium communicate, process information and understand the world (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 60). In other words, every

communication medium directs the way people think and, thus, speak in specific ways (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 61). Ott and Dickinson (2019: 61) state that Twitter as a medium ultimately directs people to devalue others and thereby promote mean and malevolent discourse. This statement is justified by examining Twitter's defining features (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 61). Twitter is a microblogging platform where users send and receive tweets, messages containing no more than 280 characters (Twitter, 2020). Twitter was launched in 2006 and it grew very rapidly in popularity, and by 2014 it had more than 500 million users producing over 400 million tweets a day (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 61). As a medium of communication Twitter can be defined by three main features: simplicity, impulsivity, and incivility (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 60-61). Twitter has created a possibility of networked conversations that are not affected by social or physical constraints of space and time (Ausserhofer & Maireder, 2013: 293). Twittersphere is, in itself, open-ended, but how people experience it, is individually structured (Ausserhofer & Maireder, 2013: 293). The audience of Twitter can be argued to be more divided than the mass media simply for the amount of accounts that exist in Twitter, but, however, it is highly concentrated for there are differences in the number of followers between the accounts (Ausserhofer & Maireder, 2013: 293).

Tweeting is easy. It demands almost no effort at all, and it can be done from anywhere at any time. Ott and Dickinson (2019: 62) remark that as tweeting requires little effort, it requires little consideration of consequences or forethought. Thus, tweeting can be seen as highly impulsive activity. This lack of consideration has led to very offensive tweets by seemingly sophisticated people, as Ott and Dickinson (2019: 62) point out. In 2013 a NYU Professor tweeted: "Dear obese PhD applicants: if you didn't have the willpower to stop eating carbs, you won't have the willpower to do a dissertation #truth" and in 2014 a Minnesota State representative tweeted "Let's be honest, 70% of teams in NBA could fold tomorrow + nobody would notice a difference w/ possible exception of increase in streetcrime" (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 63). A professor and an elected official most likely know better than to engage in fat-shaming or racism and the fact that they tweeted these comments show "just how much Twitter's form inhibits reflexivity" (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 63).

According to Ott and Dickinson (2019: 63) Twitter encourages uncivil discourse for its informality and by depersonalising interactions. Twitter creates a context in which people do not take into consideration how their interactions can affect others (Ott and Dickinson, 2019: 63) and by limiting the number of characters per tweet Twitter does not allow people to communicate in a detailed or sophisticated way (Ott and Dickinson, 2019: 61). Much of the Twittersphere, however, is quite harmless; its content is too ordinary, unintelligent and insignificant to have major consequences (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 64). It has been established in a study that about 80 percent of the activity on

Twitter falls under this harmless category (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 64). The issue arises when the remaining 20 percent of tweets concerning social, cultural and political topics are "filtered through the lens of Twitter, for Twitter infects public discourse like a social cancer" (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 63).

3. Trump's language use

A study on Trump's rhetorical devices suggests that he was able to influence his voters through his outspokenness and linguistic choices (Theye & Melling, 2018: 329). Trump prefers short sentences, makes grammar mistakes and uses politically incorrect language, and it has been proposed that these linguistic features are the ones that affected his voters positively (Theye & Melling, 2018: 329-330). Through this strategy, Trump was able to give an impression of himself that was authentic and humane (Theye & Melling, 2018: 329). Trump has employed the same strategy in Twitter since his candidacy and, by using informal and conversational language, he has been "successful in reaching large audiences and appearing closer to the people" (Kreis, 2017: 611).

According to Ott (2017: 63) Trump's language use in writing and in speech are very similar. He favours single syllable words, such as bad, good and sad, and simple sentence structures (Ott, 2017: 63, Theye & Melling, 2018: 326). Trump's tweets frequently have negative connotations as he attacks people in his tweets and insults them on a personal level (Ott, 2017: 63). One example of this sort of language use is his tweet from the year 2012, in which he criticises journalist Arianna Huffington's appearance and says that it is no wonder her husband left her for a man (@realDonaldTrump, 28.8.2012). Previous studies have shown that Trump's offensive language use contributes to the amount of which his tweets are re-tweeted (Ott, 2017: 64). According to Anderson (2017:37) engagement of other Twitter users can be "measured quantitively through likes, retweets, replies, and impressions". By examining the tweets that received a high number of engagements one can replicate that style and create more tweets like them (Anderson, 2017:37). And this, in turn, influences the public discourse, when this type of language use receives a large amount of visibility and sharing in the internet (Ott, 2017: 64).

According to Ott and Dickinson (2019: 64), the three defining features of Twitter communication, simplicity, impulsivity, and incivility, can be found in Trump's Twitter language. The defining features of Twitter communication can most likely be found in any active Twitter users' tweets, but what differentiates Trump from these other users is twofold; first, these features can also be found from Trump's other modes of communication, such as public speeches and second, these features have always been visible in Trump's Twitter communication (Ott and Dickinson, 2019: 65). His

motives and purposes for using Twitter might have changed over time, but the way he communicates, has remained the same (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 65, Theye & Melling, 2018: 323).

3.1. Examining Trump's Twitter feed

Ott and Dickinson (2019) conducted a study on Trump's Twitter behaviour. They divided Trump's tweeting habits into three categories: Citizen Trump (prior to his candidacy), Candidate Trump and President Trump. Tweets for these categories were collected from the years 2013-2014, 2015-2016 and 2017-2018. Within these three categories Trump's tweets were again divided into three categories that were visible in the collected data. The divisions were made as follows.

Citizen Trump: *Branding, Boasting and Bullying*

In the *branding* category Trump's tweets aimed to promote his products and properties, in *boasting* category tweets were to do with self-ingratiating statements aimed at fostering an image of success or winning and in *bullying* category Trump tweeted abusive statements aimed at appearing powerful through intimidation. Citizen Trump used Twitter to self-promote and insult people who did not agree with him on a given matter. Trump tweeted about his new establishments, such as Hotels, and praised them by using words like award winning, best, signature and perfection. He would also boast about his success and congratulate himself on making the best deals. The tweets with insulting content often related to women and their intelligence or mental health. He would use words like "mentally sick", "dummy", "delusional" and "incompetent". (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 66-70.).

Candidate Trump: *Defining, Disrupting and Demeaning*

In the *defining* category Trump's tweets were slogans aimed at promoting a unified and unifying political vision, in *disrupting* category Trump tweeted subversive statements aimed at demonstrating anti-establishment credentials and in *demeaning* set of tweets Trump posted derogatory statements aimed at uncrowning political elites (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 66). In his tweets Trump would call other candidates "lightweight", "weird" and "corrupt" and pledge to "drain the swamp" that is the Washington D.C. (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 74.).

President Trump: *Dissembling, Distracting and Discrediting*.

In the *dissembling* category there were tweets that contained deceitful statements aimed at manipulating public opinion, in *distracting* category Trump tweeted shocking statements aimed at redirecting public attention and in *discrediting* category tweets were disparaging statements aimed at undermining others' credibility. (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 66). In Twitter and other public statements Trump lies, distorts facts and spreads fabricated conspiracy theories. He has, for example, claimed

that Barack Obama had his Trump Tower residence wire tapped and that his presidential campaign was spied on. There is no actual evidence behind these accusations, but he has managed to sow discord and confusion regardless. (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 80.).

As previously mentioned, Trump uses Twitter to distract the American public by shifting the news away from matters that are damaging to him (see e.g. Campbell, 2019) and "employs positive self-presentation and negative otherpresentation to further his agenda" (Kreis, 2017: 607). His most often used ways of trying to distract and redirect the discussion are topic shifting and blame shifting (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 81, Anderson, 2017: 40). In order to delegitimise the media, Trump uses negative expressions such as "fake news" when an article that criticises him is published (Anderson, 2017: 40). At times, Trump goes beyond of calling them "fake news", as he calls them "the enemy of American people" and "our country's biggest enemy" (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 83). This type of labelling has very negative connotations and as I will discuss in section 4.2., they can also have very serious consequences for the labelled individuals.

Ott and Dickinson (2019) were able to recognise different themes that Trump follows in his tweets. They were also able to establish that the three key features of Twitter communication (simplicity, impulsivity, and incivility) are all visible in Trump's tweets, no matter the time frame. In my study I will examine Trump's tweets and the identity labels he uses in them and if my findings can be placed under Ott and Dickinson's themes. I will discuss the themes and method of analysis in more detail in section 5.3.

4. Identity labels

In this chapter I will discuss Howard Becker's labelling theory and social categorisation through identity labels as viewed by Galinsky, Hugenberg, Groom and Bodenhausen (2003). In the last section I will also discuss identity labels that have been found in Twitter in a previous study.

4.1.   Labelling theory and the significance of identity labels

Howard Becker developed labelling theory and in his book *Outsiders* (1963) he discusses it in terms of deviance. He constructs his theory on the idea that deviant acts only become deviant when other people perceive them as deviant (Becker, 1963: 58). He states that peoples' reactions to certain acts define if they are considered problematic (Becker, 1963: 58-59). Becker (1963: 59) also points out that just because one has disobeyed the rules, it does not automatically mean that others will respond as though this had happened. Also, on the other hand, people may treat a person as if they had broken the rules, even if they had not (Becker, 1963: 59). The degree in which people respond to a given act varies extensively and one important note is that there is variation over time as a deviant act may at

one time be considered less harmful than it would be at some other time (Becker, 1963: 59-60). Becker (1963:61) also writes that exposure to certain events through, for example, media will affect the way people see them. When, for example, crimes are reported in the newspapers more often, it will result in people thinking that crime numbers have increased, when, in fact, crimes are only reported more frequently, and not necessarily taken place more often (Becker, 1963: 61).

Although, this theory was developed at a time where social media did not exist, the idea has remained the same. The difference today is that reporting about events does not lie only in the hands of journalists, as social media has enabled almost anyone to report a topic of their choosing. Trump employs Twitter to do exactly this. According to Kreis (2017: 610) this works well for populists like Trump, as traditional media adheres to professional norms and news value, whereas social media does not.

The acts that are considered deviant also depend on who commits these acts and who feels that they have been harmed by it (Becker, 1963: 62). Becker (1963: 65) states that even if the committed act is exactly the same, the rules will be applied more to some people than others. These are, according to Becker (1963: 65), common observations that support his view of deviance not only being a simple quality, but a product of process that entails responses of other people to a given act or behaviour. A given act or behaviour cannot be known for certain to be deviant until the response of others has occurred, nor is deviance a quality embedded in the behaviour itself, but in the interaction between the perpetrator and the people who respond to it (Becker, 1963: 68). Trump often makes controversial remarks in Twitter and waits for the public to express their opinion before stating if he was being serious or not (Theye & Melling, 2018: 328). This is a strong indication, that acts are evaluated through people's perception, for, as Theye and Melling (2018: 328) state, "Trump does not reveal whether a particular comment should be taken as a joke until he sees the fallout from the comment, members of the public are frequently left to decide for themselves whether Trump is joking or speaking authoritatively."

As I will show later in this thesis, Trump frequently uses identity labels to describe people in Twitter and most of these labels can be perceived negative. Trump has, for example, called Hillary Clinton "crooked" (see e.g. @realDonaldTrump, 8.4.2020) and Nancy Pelosi "crazy" (see e.g. @realDonaldTrump, 16.4.2020). If Trump's characterisations of these people are seen accurate by the public, it would then indicate that these people are seen, for example, "crooked" or "crazy". If, on the other hand, the public does not agree with these characterisations, the label has no power. Thus, the effectiveness of Trump's labels is measured through the public's response to them. If a label and

its use is perceived reasonable by the public, it would imply that Ott (2017: 60) is correct to argue that Twitter affects the public discourse negatively.

People tend to use categorisations to make sense of the social environment as it allows them to simplify and construct their observations and successfully control their behaviour within that environment (Galinsky et al., 2003: 223). According to Galinsky et al. (2003: 223) each category a person belongs to has many beliefs, norms and behaviour tied to them and these can be activated through categorisation of the self and others. Person's positioning within the social environment can be seen through social categorisation and categorisation allows people from different groups to compare their groups to the groups of others (Galinsky et al., 2003: 223-224). And through this comparison, the consensual value of each group can be made visible (Galinsky et al., 2003: 224). Being a member of a social group affects the member's self-esteem, as a person's social identity is a part of self-concept that draws from groups that one identifies with or is socially recognised as belonging to (Galinsky et al., 2003: 224). Galinsky et al. (2003: 224) discuss social stigmas and how these stigmas can discredit a person and reduce them from a whole and usual person to a discounted one, as stigmas link negatively valued characteristics to a social identity or group membership. Stigmas vary by context, but they exist when individuals have, or are assumed to have, some quality that convey a social identity that is not valued in a specific social context (Galinsky et al., 2003: 225.).

As discussed in section 3.1, Trump uses discrediting labels to describe his opponents to elevate himself to a higher position. These labels can be seen stigmatising as labelling someone with terms that indicate that they are, for example, corrupt or dishonest can influence their social status. Galinsky et al. (2003: 222) see labels and their connotative meanings as tools that produce means for the social perceiver to construe the social environment. As labels are used for interpreting and integrating social information, they can have far-reaching consequences in an individual's live (Galinsky et al., 2003: 225). Trump uses Twitter to address the public directly and as Kreis (2017: 607) states, Trump uses Twitter, not only to communicate, but as a "tool to disseminate his ideologies". Thus, it can be argued that Trump employs Twitter to use social categorisation and identity labels attached to different categories for his own benefit.

4.2. Label use in Twitter

Joseph et al. (2016) provide a new way to study the semantic and affective properties of given identity labels identities. Joseph et al. (2016) pose a problem of extracting all identities from a given data and developed a machine learning approach to address this problem. Joseph et, al (2016: 410) provide both quantitative and qualitative analyses of identity sets or clusters and find out how differences in

social contexts may urge one to use particular identity sets more often than others. They approached their question through a case study. The case in question was how Twitter users tweeted about Michael Brown and Eric Garner, who were both young unarmed African American men, who were shot to death by white police officers in 2014 in Ferguson, MI and New York City, NY. In total, Joseph et al. (2016: 407) were able to identify 145K different labels from their data. Joseph et al. (2016: 410) were able to use their classifier to examine a large set of data collected from Twitter. They analysed semantically consistent clusters of identities and established that there are significant connections with a previous study on such structures (Joseph et al., 2016: 410).

Although, Joseph et. al (2016) examined a large set of data, and their data consists of tweets produced by multiple Twitter users and in my thesis I analyse tweets produced by a single Twitter user, I was able to use their labelling scheme as a guideline for my own study. Joseph et al. (2016: 404) labelled each term in their data as being inside or outside of an identity label. This is called an "IO" labelling scheme (Joseph et al., 2016: 404). A set of 13 annotators were asked to annotate approximately 150 tweet each and from this the researchers were provided with two labels for all 1000 tweets (Joseph et al., 2016: 404). The annotators were given guidelines on how to define identity and they were also told not to label individuals or pronouns as identities (Joseph et al., 2016: 404). This is also what I did in my analysis, I excluded pronouns and actual names of individuals and thus, I was able to only collect labels that are directly linked to my research questions. I will explain the method of gathering and analysing my data in more detail in sections 5.2. and 5.3.

5. Set up of the study

5.1. Aim and research questions

This study aims to identify labels that Trump uses in his tweets and compare the findings with Ott and Dickinson's (2019) previous study. Trump's language use and Twitter behaviour has been studied widely, but a study focusing on his use of identity labels does not, to my knowledge, exist. While identity labels have been studied from the point of view of many different groups of people, mostly from the point of view of minority groups, for example, identities of sexual minorities (Russel, Clark & Clary, 2009) or African American people (Hecht, & Ribeau, 1987), studies concerning identity labels in Twitter are relatively uncommon. Burger, Henderson, Kim and Zarrella (2011) studied gender discrimination in Twitter and Joseph, Wei and Carley (2016) explored patterns of identity usage in tweets, but because, despite my attempts, I was unable to find existing research that studies identity labelling in a specific Twitter account, it is relevant to conduct a study like this. This study is relevant also because, as I discussed, normalising the use of debasing identity labels may have a

negative impact on the public discourse and by detecting this type of language use it can also be disregarded from being acceptable, for as Becker's (1963) theory suggests, labels' meanings construct through people's perception of them. Galinsky et al. (2003: 222) also note that it is important to study the use of labels, for "it helps to shed light on the construction, maintenance, and alteration of social identity".

Previous studies concerning Trump's language use have mainly focused on his rhetorical devices, but to offer a new perspective, I will discuss the specific identities (identity labels) he assigns to people through his tweets. I will attempt to identify the labels he uses and to examine if there is cohesion with previous studies. My research questions for this study are as follows:

1. What kind of identity labels does the president of the United States, Donald J. Trump, use in Twitter?
2. Can a pattern of identity label use be established?

Identity labels can be described differently, but in this thesis, they are considered as terms that convey a culturally shared meaning of a person or a group of people. I see this definition to be most suited, and it is also very widely used (see e.g. Joseph et al., 2016 or Galinsky et al., 2003). As I explained in the previous section, identity labels display connotative meanings that come to life through people's construction of them. Labels are seen the way people decide them to be seen and Becker's (1963) theory also suggests that people become the labels that they are assigned to.

The first research question is focused in identifying the labels from Trump's tweets. The second research question is about comparing the findings to existing research to see if a pattern of identity label use can be established. In order to answer these questions, I will use content analysis and examine the data first inductively and then deductively, drawing themes from already existing research. The methods will be presented in more detail at the end of this chapter.

5.2. Methods of gathering data

For my data I initially collected 100 tweets from the Twitter account @realDonaldTrump from the years 2016 to 2019. In order to gather the tweets evenly from every year, I collected 25 tweets from each year. I first downloaded all Trump's tweets starting from 1.1.2016 by using Twint. The tweets that were posted in 2020 were not taken into consideration and were left out of the data. Twint is an advanced Twitter scraping tool written in Python that allows for scraping Tweets from Twitter profiles without using Twitter's API. I chose to use Twint because Twitter's API only allows to download 3200 tweets and the total amount of tweets that I needed to download was nearly 20 000. By following the Twint's directions I inserted a code, in this case twint -u realdonaldtrump –since

2016-01-01 -o trump.csv --csv, into a mac computer's terminal. This allowed me to download the tweets as a csv-file which I then converted to Excel. After this I divided the tweets according to their publishing year into different sheets in Excel and then made use of the sampling tool. I chose my input range to be 25 for each set of tweets and decided the sampling method to be random. I did this in order to make sure that my selection of tweets is completely random.

After analysing these 100 tweets, I realised that in order to have enough substance in my analysis this number of tweets would not suffice. Thus, I decided to collect 100 tweets more. I collected them in the same manner as I did the previous ones, only this time I excluded the tweets that I had already analysed. I again used Excel's sampling tool and set the input range to 25 for each year and thus, expanded my data to 200 tweets.

5.3.   Methods of analysis

As my data consists of identity labels which have generalised meanings, I selected content analysis to be the method of analysis in this study. Content analysis attempts to analyse data within a particular context in view of the meanings that are attributed to them (Krippendorf, 1989: 403). Krippendorf (1989: 403) describes content analysis as being a "research technique for making a replicable and valid inferences from data to their context", and thus, it is a very suitable method for this thesis.

According to Campbell (2019: 4), content analysis is an organised process that explores the characteristics of communication messages. The purpose of content analysis is to discover aspects of the examined content and learn something about the people who produced the messages (Campbell, 2019: 4). Content analysis is most often considered as a quantitative method, but it also contains features that can be combined with qualitative methods (Campbell, 2019: 4). Content analysis enables breaking up the data into units that can be located into categories that can be counted, but it also provides themes that can be analysed qualitatively (Campbell, 2019: 5). Although, linguistic field often divides research projects to be either qualitative or quantitative (Angouri, 2010: 29), in terms of this thesis, I believe that it is more suitable to combine them, as I am counting the labels as well as placing them into categories that have affective meanings. According to Angouri (2010: 32) there is a growing consensus that mixing methods is not only feasible, but also useful in revealing the diverse aspects of reality.

Other possible methods of analysis could have been discourse analysis (DA) or critical discourse analysis (CDA). I considered using CDA as it is beneficial in linguistic research, because it most often analyses real samples of spoken and written discourse (Baxter, 2010: 125). CDA research considers how language works within institutional and political discourses in order to reveal

inequalities in social relationships (Baxter, 2010: 125). I rejected CDA because I am not trying to reveal issues relating to power relations or inequalities within the society, as I am only trying to show a pattern of language use. This is also the reason I contemplated on using DA to analyse the found labels. I abandoned this idea mostly for the same reasons as I did with CDA. DA focuses strongly on studying language and it recognises that there is an orderliness, logic and meaning to linguistic performance. (Baxter, 2010: 124). Thus, this method of analysis was very intriguing to me, but as conducting any deeper linguistic analysis on the found identity labels was not relevant in my study, I opted to use content analysis instead.

Content analysis has been used in previous studies which have examined the use of Twitter in similar context (see e.g. Campbell, 2019 and Anderson, 2017), and thus, I considered this method to be the most suited for my study.

In my thesis I first examined the selected tweets and identified all the identity labels in every tweet, and thus, I conducted a quantitative research and analysed the data inductively. Similarly to Joseph et al. (2016), I only considered labels given to individuals to be relevant. This means that I excluded labels that were given to institutions such as the FBI or the democrats. I also excluded retweets, as my focus was on identity labels used by Trump himself and not labels that were originally used by someone else. Some of the analysed tweets were also posted on the official @POTUS account, but as they were originally posted on Trump's personal account, I did not consider them retweets.

By grouping similar labels into categories I was able to form eight themes: Weakness, Reliability, Intelligence, Mental Stability, Complimentary, Qualification, Xenophobia and Others. Ott & Dickinson (2019) divided Trump's tweets from the years 2015 to 2018 under six themes. After completing my own analysis, I placed my findings into their framework in order to find out if a pattern of identity label use can be established. Thus, at this point of my study I used a deductive approach with predetermined categories.

6. Results

Out of the 200 tweets that I analysed, there were all together 90 tweets that contained identity label use and a different label was used 161 times. As mentioned in the previous chapter, I coded these labels under 8 themes. Weakness category had 21 labels, Reliability 52, Intelligence 8, Mental stability 12, Complimentary 38, Qualification 14, Xenophobia 6 and Others category had 10 labels. Next, I will explain the categories.

6.1. Coding the data and analysing the identity labels

Twitter has limited the amount of characters to 280, and thus, Trump often tweets 2-3 consecutive tweets that are continuum of the previous tweet. In this study these linked tweets were considered being a one whole tweet in order to make the full context visible. The labels visible in the data are presented in the following table. The categories can be found on the top and under each category I have listed the labels that I identified from the analysed tweets. The number of occurrences is presented after each label and at the bottom row the total number of times a label from a category occurred. After the table I have explained each category in more detail and give examples of tweets where these labels are visible. All the cited tweets are direct citations and they are cited as they were originally posted. The analysed tweets can be found in the appendices of this thesis (appendix 1).

Weakness		Reliability		Mental stability		Intelligence		Complimentary		Qualification		Xenophobia		Other	
Lightweight	2	Crooked	29	Crazy	5	Low I.Q.	1	Great	17	Failed / Failing	1	Foreign bad guys	1	Abuser	1
Choker	1	Phony	2	Psycho	2	Not smart enough	1	High quality	1	Disgraced	1	Bad people	1	A degenerate	1
Mr. Meltdown	1	Liar	7	Insane	1	A dope / dopey	2	Courageus / Brave	3	Not gifted enough	1	Criminals (migrants)	1	Traitor	1
Puppet	2	Corrupt	4	A mess	1	Dumb as a rock	1	The best	1	Gofer	1	Criminal aliens	2	Stiff	1
Weak	4	Bought	1	Nervous mess	1	Dumb / dummy	2	A good guy/man	2	Low level staffer	1	Evil (muslims)	1	Clown	1
Crying	3	Con artist	1	Wacky	1	Stupid	1	A star	1	Conflicted	1			Lovely (sarcasm)	1
Little / Little boy	5	Criminal	2	Sick guy	1	Great intellect	1	Wonderful	1	Incompetent	1			Filthy/Foul mouthed	2
Pathetic	1	Shifty	2					Special	1	Horrible for economy	1			Hindrance	1
Desperate	1	Fraud	1					Hero	1	So called judge	1			Attention seeking	1
Lonely	1	Low-life	2					Extraordinary	1	So called comedian	1			A bad guy	1
		Dirty cop	1					Warrior	1	Third rate lawyer	1				
								A legend	1	Terrible	1				
								Popular	1	Boring musician	1				
								Fine man	1	Bully	1				
								Strong	1						
								Hard worker	1						
								Outsider (not corrupt)	1						
								Winner	1						
	21		52		12		9		37		14		6		11

Weakness

Under the Weakness theme there are labels that are marked as not strong enough. In this category the labels "little/little boy" and "weak" were present more often than others, 5 and 4 times. Other labels

were "lightweight", "choker", "Mr. Meltdown" and "puppet", "crying", "pathetic", "desperate" and "lonely". Within the complete data 10 different labels were found under this theme.

In the following example tweet, there are 3 labels visible that indicate weakness and the label "choker" is repeated 3 times to emphasise its effectiveness.

"Lightweight Marco Rubio was working hard last night. The problem is, he is a choker, and once a choker, always a choker! Mr. Meltdown."

(@realDonaldTrump, 26.2.2016)

By pointing out other people's weaknesses Trump tries to emphasise his own strength (Kreis, 2019: 607). Like Ott and Dickinson (2019: 76) point out "such remarks function as more than mere insults; rhetorically, they work to reaffirm the image of Trump as a straight-talker, as someone who tells it likes he sees it, and as authentic". Trump justifies his bluntness by saying that he does not have the time to be politically correct and this can be seen a very important part of his rhetoric (They & Melling, 2018: 323).

Reliability

Under this theme I collected labels that suggest that someone is not trustworthy. In this category there were 11 different labels, and "liar" (7 times) and "crooked" (29 times) were the most visible ones. Altogether labels questioning someone's reliability occurred 52 times. Other labels under this theme were "phony", "corrupt", "bought", "criminal" and "shifty", "con artist", "fraud", "low-life" and "dirty cop".

Ott and Dickinson (2019: 76) placed this type of language use to be a part of Candidate Trump's Twitter habits, but in my data, they were also visible in tweets that were posted during his presidency. This is clearly visible in the following example:

"Did you ever see an investigation more in search of a crime? At the same time Mueller and the Angry Democrats aren't even looking at the atrocious, and perhaps subversive, crimes that were committed by Crooked Hillary Clinton and the Democrats. A total disgrace!"

(@realDonaldTrump, 29.11.2018).

In the previous example Trump calls Hillary Clinton "crooked". This label was visible in my data more often than any other label, 29 times in total and in 28 of these instances, Trump labels Clinton. Trump frequently implies that his opponents are not trustworthy and thus, people should not believe the statements they make about Trump. This name calling is also a part of his diversion technique. As Kreis (2017: 611) points out, Trump often refers to himself with positive attributes and attempts to scapegoat others. In the previous example tweet about crooked Hillary Clinton he essentially implies that the investigation concerning him was fraudulent and aims to shift the blame on the democratic party and also tries to redirect people's attention on the alleged crimes committed by

Hillary Clinton. According to Theye and Melling (2018: 326) Trump has created metonymies, such as a concept of crookedness attached to Clinton, in order to deflect the criticism towards himself.

Mental stability

This category consists of labels that question other people's mental health. In this category there are 7 different labels and one is used 12 times within the examined data. The most often used label was "crazy", which occurred 5 times. Other labels were "psycho" which occurred twice and "insane", "a mess" and "a nervous mess", "wacky" and "sick guy" which all occurred once.

The identity label "crazy" was assigned to 5 different people, politicians Bernie Sanders and Maxine Walters, journalists Mika Brzezinski and Megyn Kelly and a former congressman Joe Scarborough, who now works as a cable news host. Brzezinski and Scarborough were also both called "psycho".

"I heard poorly rated @Morning_Joe speaks badly of me (don't watch anymore). Then how come low I.Q. Crazy Mika, along with Psycho Joe, came.. ...to Mar-a-Lago 3 nights in a row around New Year's Eve, and insisted on joining me. She was bleeding badly from a face-lift. I said no!"

(@realDonaldTrump, 29.6.2017)

"Crazy Joe Scarborough and dumb as a rock Mika are not bad people, but their low rated show is dominated by their NBC bosses. Too bad!"

(@realDonaldTrump, 1.7.2017)

"Wow! Morning Joe & Psycho ratings have really crashed. Very small audience. People are tired of hearing Fake News delivered with an anger that is not to be believed. Sad, when the show was sane, they helped get me elected. Thanks! Was on all the time. Lost all of its juice!"

(@realDonaldTrump, 30.7.2019)

Intelligence

In this category there are labels that describe a person through their intelligence. There are 7 different labels in this category. The labels "dumb/dummy" and "a dope/dopey" occurred twice and the rest of the labels, "low I.Q.", "not smart enough", "dumb as a rock", "stupid" and "great intellect", occurred once.

Trump called journalist Don Lemon "the dumbest man on television" (@realDonaldTrump, 4.8.2018), Mika Brzezinski "dumb as a rock" (@realDonaldTrump, 1.7.2017) and Brit Hume a "dope" (@realDonaldTrump, 23.2.2016). The only positive label in this category, "great intellect" (@realDonaldTrump, 4.10.2018) was given to Judge Brett Kavanaugh who Trump had nominated and who would later be sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Complimentary

Within the 90 tweets in which a label was present, a label with a positive meaning occurred 38 times when including the label "great intellect" from the previous category. I placed 37 labels under the

theme of Complimentary labels. Altogether there were 19 different labels that fit under this theme. Out of these labels the most often used was the label "great" which occurred 17 times. The label was used to describe, for example, the great people of Indiana or the great Martin Luther King or just a great man. Other labels under this theme were "high quality", "courageous"/"brave", "the best"," a good guy/man", "a star", "wonderful", "special", "hero", "extraordinary", "warrior", "a legend", "popular", "fine man", "strong", "hard worker", "outsider" and "winner". The label "outsider" is seen here as a positive label, as it was given to a political outsider, who in Trump's view was the only incorrupt candidate for he was not a career politician.

"Hey Missouri let's defeat Crooked Hillary & @koster4missouri! Koster supports Obamacare & amnesty! Vote outsider Navy SEAL @EricGreitens!"
(@realDonaldTrump, 8.11.2016)

In this tweet Trump juxtaposes Hillary Clinton and Chris Koster with Eric Greitens during the 2016 gubernatorial election of the state of Missouri. Trump might insinuate in this tweet, by linking the two democrats, that by voting for Greitens they would also vote against "crooked" Hillary Clinton. Also, during this time, Trump had repeatedly been very vocal of his opinion of the The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and Barack Obama's decisions on the country's immigration laws. Trump implies in this tweet that Koster's opinions on these matters would not coincide with Trump supporters' opinions. Trump, again, tries to devaluate others to elevate someone else. This is, as Kreis (2017: 611) notes, a familiar pattern in his rhetoric.

The label "high-quality" was mentioned by Ott and Dickinson (2019: 67) and it also occurred in my data. High quality and its synonyms were frequently visible in their study and they placed them under the branding category. This category was under Citizen Trump, who aimed at promoting Trump products. However, my results show that Trump still relies on similar language use as he did before his candidacy, as I did not include tweets from Trump before he decided to run for president. By comparing the tweets found by Ott and Dickinson (2019) from the years 2013-2015 and the tweets analysed in this study, a similarity could be detected. Ott and Dickinson's (2019) Citizen Trump promoted products and services using words such as "high-quality". "the best" or "winning" and in the data set of this study, Trump gives similar attributes to people. This is visible, for example, in the following tweets.

"Great trip to Mexico today - wonderful leadership and high quality people! Look forward to our next meeting."
(@realDonaldTrump, 1.9.2016)

"The #USSJohnFinn will provide essential capabilities to keep America safe. Our sailors are the best anywhere in the world. Congratulations!"
(@realDonaldTrump, 16.7.2017)

Qualification

Under this category there are labels that question Trump's opponents' credibility in terms of their professional qualification and this theme has 11 labels under it. The labels in this category all occurred once and they were "failed", "disgraced", "not gifted enough", "gofer" and "a low-level staffer", "conflicted", "incompetent", "horrible for economy", "so called judge", "so called comedian", "third rate lawyer", "terrible", "boring musician" and "bully". These labels were most often given to journalists and politicians who Trump does not agree with or who criticise him. The labels "low-level staffer" and "gofer" (as well as the label "a mess") were appointed to Cliff Sims, a former White House employee who wrote a book about the 500 days he spent working under the Trump administration. As I analysed this tweet, I found it interesting that Trump first states that the book is fiction and then notes that Sims had signed an NDA and he is "a mess" for breaching it. It is interesting, because one would not be guilty of breaching their NDA if their story was fiction.

"A low level staffer that I hardly knew named Cliff Sims wrote yet another boring book based on made up stories and fiction. He pretended to be an insider when in fact he was nothing more than a gofer. He signed a non-disclosure agreement. He is a mess!!"

(@realDonaldTrump, 29.1.2019)

The label "so called judge" was given to a federal judge who halted Trump's "Muslim ban". The "Muslim ban" was an Executive Order that banned foreign nationals from seven predominantly Muslim countries from visiting the country for 90 days, suspended entry for Syrian refugees indefinitely and for prohibited any other refugees from coming into the country for 120 days. The label "bully" was placed under this category, because this label is given to Representative Elijah Cummings whose performance as a representative Trump criticises.

"Rep, Elijah Cummings has been a brutal bully, shouting and screaming at the great men & women of Border Patrol about conditions at the Southern Border, when actually his Baltimore district is FAR WORSE and more dangerous. His district is considered the Worst in the USA...... ....As proven last week during a Congressional tour, the Border is clean, efficient & well run, just very crowded. Cumming District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess. If he spent more time in Baltimore, maybe he could help clean up this very dangerous & filthy place"

(@realDonaldTrump, 27.7.2019)

Xenophobia

Identity labels that are under this category are about migrants and foreign nationals visiting the United States. The labels are "foreign bad guys", "bad people, "criminals" (migrants), "criminal aliens" and "evil". The label "criminal aliens" was used twice and all the other labels once.

Trump uses words and labels that scare people in order to make the public agree with him. After his "Muslim ban" was overturned by a federal judge Trump tweeted that "We must keep "evil" out of

our country" (@realDonaldTrump, 4.2.2017). Later that same day Trump also tweeted the following regarding the same topic.

"Everybody is arguing whether or not it is a BAN. Call it what you want, it is about keeping bad people (with bad intentions) out of country!"

(@realDonaldTrump, 1.2.2017)

The label "foreign bad guys" was used in a tweet in which Trump appears to be clarifying why a national security program was renewed. Before tweeting this statement, he had published another tweet that can be seen contradicting the latter. Although, only one of these tweets were a part of this study's data, I believe both need to be mentioned as one can be seen explaining the other. First, Trump tweeted the following.

"House votes on controversial FISA ACT today." This is the act that may have been used, with the help of the discredited and phony Dossier, to so badly surveil and abuse the Trump Campaign by the previous administration and others?"

(realDonaldTrump, 11.1.2018)

A little less than 2 hours later Trump tweeted the following, which is the tweet that was a part of this study's data.

"With that being said, I have personally directed the fix to the unmasking process since taking office and today's vote is about foreign surveillance of foreign bad guys on foreign land. We need it! Get smart!"

(@realDonaldTrump, 11.1.2018)

In some opinions, like authors and journalists Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig (2020: 186), the second tweet was as much of an explanation of the policy to Trump himself as it was for the public. As mentioned earlier in this thesis, Trump uses simple, politically incorrect language to come across as a man of the people and this, yet again, proves it.

The "criminals" Trump refers to in this category are migrants who he wants to prevent from entering the country. During his campaign Trump promised to build a wall on the southern border. However, he ran into some difficulties with the funding. He initially said that Mexico would fund it (see e.g. @realDonaldTrump, 1.9.2016), but they did not agree to that. He has since tried to sway the public opinion so that it would be excepted that the United States will, in fact, pay for the wall. The following tweet is an example of this type of tweeting and label use.

"Mexico should move the flag waving Migrants, many of whom are stone cold criminals, back to their countries. Do it by plane, do it by bus, do it anyway you want, but they are NOT coming into the U.S.A. We will close the Border permanently if need be. Congress, fund the WALL!"
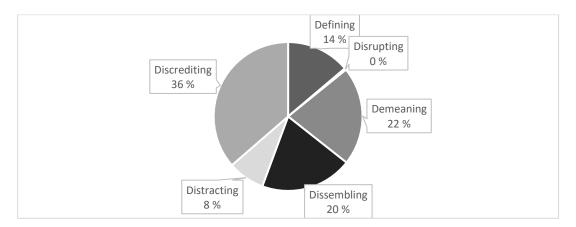
(@realDonaldTrump, 26.11.2018)

Other

I also identified labels that did not fall under any of the categories but were so diverse that could not form a cohesive category of their own. Under this theme there are 10 different identity labels;

"abuser", "a degenerate", "traitor", "stiff", "lovely" (this was meant as sarcasm), "filthy/foul mouthed", "clown", "hindrance", "attention seeking" and "bad guy". Three of these labels were assigned to former presidents. Bill Clinton being "a degenerate" (@realDonaldTrump, 3.1.2016) and an "abuser" (@realDonaldTrump, 17.5.2016) and Barack Obama being a "bad guy" (@realDonaldTrump, 4.3.2017). All of the identity labels in this category were given to politicians who have an opposing view to Trump's view, except for the label "attention seeking" which was given to attorney Michael Avenatti (@realDonaldTrump, 26.9.2018), "lovely" to attorney Lisa Paige (@realDonaldTrump, 1.8.2018) and filthy mouthed to model Chrissy Teigen (@realDonaldTrump, 9.9.2019). Although, Chrissy Teigen was not mentioned by name, but referred to as "boring musician" John Legend's wife (@realDonaldTrump, 9.9.2019).

Cross referencing the results with Ott & Dickinson (2019)

I divided the found labels in 8 categories inductively, but I also wanted to cross reference my results to the findings of Ott and Dickinson (2019). For this reason, I also placed the labels under the 6 themes Ott and Dickinson used in their study. The division of labels is presented in the following diagram.

As Ott and Dickinson (2019) used broader themes to categorise their data, some of the labels detected in my study fall under two themes. In my study it became evident that Trump uses labels rather regularly in his tweets. A random sample of the tweets, even with only a sample of 200 tweets, shows that Trump uses debasing language and identity labels very often.

This study examined identity labels assigned to people, and thus, it was not a surprise that only 1 of the labels could be placed under the theme Disrupting (this results as 0% as the largest group had 100 labels under it). Most of the found labels, 36%, fall under the theme Discrediting. This result supports the idea that Trump often makes offensive marks about his rivals' competency to seem more competent himself. 22% of the labels can be placed under the theme Demeaning. This indicates that,

as Ott (2017: 64) suggests, Trump attacks his opponent's in a personal manner and attempts to influence the public's opinion of them. The third largest group of labels (20%) fell under the theme Dissembling and 8% fell under the theme Distracting. These results contribute evidence to the existing research that argues that Trump actively tries to direct the public discourse away from matters that are not in his favour (see e.g. Campbell, 2019). The theme Defining was the fourth largest group of labels (14%). In this category are the positive labels Trump mainly used during his presidential campaign when discussing the great people of a state he was holding his rallies in or great men who endorsed him. The theme Bullying was not used by Ott and Dickinson (2019) in their analysis during the years 2015-2018, but according to the data of this study, 76% of the found labels could be placed under it.

7. Discussion and conclusion

Becker (1963) suggested that people become the labels they are assigned to. This could explain how Trump has been so powerfully able to alter the public's opinion of his rivals. According to Galinsky et al. (2003: 222), labels alter the self-esteem of groups and individuals and just a mere presence of a label can initiate stereotypic information about a group. Joseph et al. (2016: 401) also point out that if a person is labelled a liar, people are less likely to seek for their company nor trust them. The results of this study indicate that Trump actively tries to use identity labels, such as a "liar" to devaluate the importance of his rivals' statements. Trump also seems to utilise labels as a strategy to undermine others and elevate himself to a higher position (Kreis, 2019: 607). This can be seen as an effective strategy as, according to Anderson (2017: 46), Twitter has a notable impact in moulding peoples' political attitudes.

In this thesis I examined 200 tweets by Trump randomly derived from a very large data set (approximately 20 000 tweets) and still achieved results that coincide with previous research that claim that Trump uses derogatory language in Twitter. As Theye and Melling (2018: 328) suggest, it is interesting how Trump rarely criticises people's ideas, but aims his critique directly on the people themselves. These results would suggest that the answer to my research questions is that Trump uses mostly defamatory labels and there is indeed a pattern to be recognised. Out of the 161 times a label was visible in Trump's tweets, only 38 times the label did not have a negative connotation attached to it. This means that 76% were negative and only 26% were positive. In this study, I was the only coder, and thus, to produce more reliable results, it would be beneficial to have more people coding the data, but as previous studies have resulted in similar conclusions, it is fair to say that a pattern can be recognised.

In their work, Ott and Dickinson (2019) identified patterns of language use by Trump during the years of 2013-2018. In their research they point out that communication in Twitter can be described through three key features: simplicity, impulsivity and incivility (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 61). The results of this study show that these features can be found from Trump's Twitter feed. Previous studies have shown changes in public discourse during Trump's presidency (see e.g. Theye & Melling, 2018 and Müller & Schwarz, 2019). These studies have shown an increase in white supremacist groups' visibility and the amount of Muslim related hate crimes in the United states after Trump started his campaign. Theye and Melling (2018: 325) also suggest that some of these groups see Trump's election as proof of legitimacy for their operations. According to labelling theory (Becker, 1963), labels and their meanings are constructed though people's perception of them, and thus, as Anderson (2017: 46) states, Trump's language use in Twitter can have an impact on political discourse.

Ott and Dickinson (2019: 86) state that a shift in public discourse is visible and Campbell (2019: 8) suggests that Trump's tweets could influence the issues and topics that people talk and tweet about. And, as the specific label we choose to use to describe a person has an impact on the way others will act towards them (Joseph et. al, 2016: 401), the labels, such as "weak", "liar" or "psycho", can affectingly alter the public's opinion of them and how they are talked about. The traditional media frequently publishes articles relating to Trump's tweets and treat them as news and this enables him to spread his ideologies even further (Kreis, 2017: 608, Theye & Melling, 2018: 329). Studying this more profoundly could end up in results that indicate that Trump's use of identity labels has an impact on the public discourse.

For future study, it would be interesting to examine if a change in public discourse can be detected through the use of identity labels in Twitter. The study could be conducted by using a similar approach than what was used in this thesis. If my approach would be combined with a similar machine learning approach and a trained classifier used by Joseph et al. (2016), a larger data set could be examined. Tweets are often sparked by an affective charge that they carry through the social network since emotionally charged tweets are more often and more rapidly retweeted compared to neutral ones. (Ott & Dickinson, 2019: 62.). Thus, to examine the possible change in public discourse, it could be beneficial to study what types of tweets receive the highest number of engagement and do these tweets have identity labels in them.

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Appendices

Appendix 1. The analysed tweets in chronological order

Date	Tweet	Reference
3.1.2016	Hillary Clinton lied last week when she said ISIS made a D.T. video. The video that ISIS made was about her husband being a degenerate.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/683648845033680896
7.1.2016	The failing @UnionLeader newspaper in N.H. just sent The Trump Organization a letter asking that we take ads. How stupid, how desperate!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/685054952754941952
9.1.2016	Love seeing union & non-union members alike are defecting to Trump. I will create jobs like no one else. Their #Dem leaders can't compete!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/685584095120887809
23.1.2016	Just left Sioux Center, Iowa. My speech was very well received. Truly great people! Packed house- overflow!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/690990909719052288
24.1.2016	I will be on Face The Nation this morning at various times across the U.S. @CBSNews Enjoy!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/691262461450715137
26.1.2016	Why doesn't phony @bobvanderplaats tell his followers all the times he asked for him and his family to stay at my hotels-didn't like paying	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/692012875775414273
31.1.2016	I will be going to church in Iowa this morning with my wife, Melania. After church I will be making two speeches and touring the State!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/693778147439824896
9.2.2016	I know the "Governors" and Jeb Bush, who has gone nasty with lies, is by far the weakest of the lot. His family used private eminent domain!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/697029254584934400
10.2.2016	Worthless @NYDailyNews, which dopey Mort Zuckerman, is desperately trying to sell, has no buyer! Liabilities are massive!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/697404578019598336
23.2.2016	A big fat hit job on @oreillyfactor tonight. A total waste of time to watch, boring and biased. @brithume said I would never run, a dope!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/701956476571512832
26.2.2016	Lightweight Marco Rubio was working hard last night. The problem is, he is a choker, and once a choker, always a choker! Mr. Meltdown.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/703257866820415488
28.2.2016	Little Marco Rubio treated America's ICE officers "like absolute trash" in order to pass Obama's amnesty.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/704023054813433856
28.2.2016	Little Marco Rubio gave amnesty to criminal aliens guilty of "sex offenses." DISGRACE!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/704019808363352069
8.3.2016	Remember, I am the only one who is self-funding my campaign. All of the other candidates are bought and paid for by special interests!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/707239753352093696

10.3.2016	Keep lightweight Marco and his friends out of the White House. #MakeAmericaGreatAgain #Trump2016	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/707697346646245376
14.3.2016	Leaving the great people of North Carolina. Amazing event. Heading to Tampa now! #VoteTrump	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/709422865360297984
17.3.2016	Crazy @megynkelly supposedly had lyin' Ted Cruz on her show last night. Ted is desperate and his lying is getting worse. Ted can't win!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/710409594204524544
19.3.2016	Thank you- New York! I love you!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/711049674782674947
22.3.2016	My heart & prayers go out to all of the victims of the terrible #Brussels tragedy. This madness must be stopped, and I will stop it.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/712343435387260928
23.3.2016	Incompetent Hillary, despite the horrible attack in Brussels today, wants borders to be weak and open-and let the Muslims flow in. No way!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/712473816614772736
28.4.2016	Lyin' Ted Cruz, who can never beat Hillary Clinton and has NO path to victory, has chosen a V.P.candidate who failed badly in her own effort	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/725648706385633280
28.4.2016	I will be in Evansville, Indiana, with the great Bobby Knight (who last night endorsed me) at 12:00 this afternoon. See you there!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/725659482819297280
1.5.2016	I watched Sen. Graham @FaceTheNation. Why don't they say that I ran him out of the race like a little boy, and in the end he had no support?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/726800215718645760
7.5.2016	Crooked Hillary Clinton wants completely open borders. Millions of Democrats will run from her over this and support me.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/728740257512992768
17.5.2016	Amazing that Crooked Hillary can do a hit ad on me concerning women when her husband was the WORST abuser of woman in U.S. political history	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/732540713678819328
28.5.2016	I am always on the front page of the failing @nytimes, but when I won the GOP nomination, I'm in the back of the paper. Very dishonest!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/736655485814857728
2.6.2016	Crooked Hillary Clinton, who I would love to call Lyin' Hillary, is getting ready to totally misrepresent my foreign policy positions.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/738416510092357632
6.6.2016	Crooked Hillary is being badly criticized (for a Wall Street paid for ad) by PolitiFact for a false ad on me on women. She is a total fraud!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/739810044150190080
9.6.2016	Bernie Sanders must really dislike Crooked Hillary after the way she played him. Many of his supporters, because of trade, will come to me.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/740721589709328385
22.7.2016	One of the best produced, including the incredible stage & set, in the history of conventions. Great unity! Big T.V. ratings! @KarlRove	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/756490485116575744

23.7.2016	Crooked Hillary Clinton has destroyed jobs and manufacturing in Pennsylvania. Against steelworkers and miners. Husband signed NAFTA.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/756864330054893568
27.7.2016	In order to try and deflect the horror and stupidity of the Wikileakes disaster, the Dems said maybe it is Russia dealing with Trump. Crazy!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/758071264128806912
27.7.2016	Crooked Hillary Clinton wants to flood our country with Syrian immigrants that we know little or nothing about. The danger is massive. NO!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/758242674646323200
28.7.2016	Join me live in Toledo, Ohio! #MakeAmericaGreatAgain	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/758452289376022529
24.8.2016	Great new poll Florida - thank you! #MakeAmericaGreatAgain	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/768488555828183040
1.9.2016	Great trip to Mexico today - wonderful leadership and high quality people! Look forward to our next meeting.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/771146302134423552
9.9.2016	Henry McMaster, Lt. Governor of South Carolina who endorsed me, beat failed @CNN announcer Bakari Sellers, so badly. Funny!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/774299479155544064
12.10.2016	Crooked Hillary Clinton likes to talk about the things she will do but she has been there for 30 years - why didn't she do them?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/786189446274248704
13.10.2016	The phony story in the failing @nytimes is a TOTAL FABRICATION. Written by same people as last discredited story on women. WATCH!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/786560925113266176
16.10.2016	The failing @nytimes reporters don't even call us anymore, they just write whatever they want to write, making up sources along the way!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/787425145489072128
20.10.2016	Why didn't Hillary Clinton announce that she was inappropriately given the debate questions - she secretly used them! Crooked Hillary.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/789117930801926148
20.10.2016	After Crooked @HillaryClinton allowed ISIS to rise, she now claims she'll defeat them? LAUGHABLE! Here's my plan: https://donaldjtrump.com/policies/foreign-policy-and-defeating-isis/	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/788929328696348674
21.10.2016	Huma calls it a "MESS," the rest of us call it CORRUPT! WikiLeaks catches Crooked in the act - again. #DrainTheSwamp	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/789487320290430976
24.10.2016	Wow, just came out on secret tape that Crooked Hillary wants to take in as many Syrians as possible. We cannot let this happen - ISIS!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/790523240351498241
30.10.2016	Wow, Twitter, Google and Facebook are burying the FBI criminal investigation of Clinton. Very dishonest media!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/792734426912337920
6.11.2016	Watch Coach Mike Ditka- a great guy and supporter tonight at 8pmE on #WattersWorld with @jessebwatters @FoxNews.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/795014711716757504

6.11.2016	Great night in Denver, Colorado- thank you! Together, we will MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/795145824586137600
8.11.2016	Hey Missouri let's defeat Crooked Hillary & @koster4missouri! Koster supports Obamacare & amnesty! Vote outsider Navy SEAL @EricGreitens!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/795753162623815680
18.12.2016	We should tell China that we don't want the drone they stole back.- let them keep it!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/810288321880555520
20.12.2016	We did it! Thank you to all of my great supporters, we just officially won the election (despite all of the distorted and inaccurate media).	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/810996052241293312
5.1.2017	The Democrats, lead by head clown Chuck Schumer, know how bad ObamaCare is and what a mess they are in. Instead of working to fix it, they.. ...do the typical political thing and BLAME. The fact is ObamaCare was a lie from the beginning."Keep you doctor, keep your plan!" It is.... ...time for Republicans & Democrats to get together and come up with a healthcare plan that really works - much less expensive & FAR BETTER!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/816977032433270784, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/816977937731878912, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/816979231217483776
9.1.2017	Rupert Murdoch is a great guy who likes me much better as a very successful candidate than he ever did as a very successful developer!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/818416446527172608
11.1.2017	I win an election easily, a great "movement" is verified, and crooked opponents try to belittle our victory with FAKE NEWS. A sorry state!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/819162968592183298
16.1.2017	Celebrate Martin Luther King Day and all of the many wonderful things that he stood for. Honor him for being the great man that he was!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/820992721120854016
16.1.2017	Despite what you have heard from the FAKE NEWS, I had a GREAT meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Nevertheless, Germany owes… …vast sums of money to NATO & the United States must be paid more for the powerful, and very expensive, defense it provides to Germany!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/843088518339612673, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/843090516283723776
20.1.2017	Thank you for a wonderful evening in Washington, D.C. #Inauguration	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/822298747421986828
26.1.2017	Ungrateful TRAITOR Chelsea Manning, who should never have been released from prison, is now calling President Obama a weak leader. Terrible!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/824573698774601729
1.2.2017	Everybody is arguing whether or not it is a BAN. Call it what you want, it is about keeping bad people (with bad intentions) out of country!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/826774668245946368
4.2.2017	The opinion of this so-called judge, which essentially takes law-enforcement away from our country, is ridiculous and will be overturned!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/827867311054974976
4.2.2017	We must keep "evil" out of our country!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/827655062835052544

12.2.2017	Congratulations Stephen Miller- on representing me this morning on the various Sunday morning shows. Great job!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/830804130692268032
17.2.2017	The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American People!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/832708293516632065
4.3.2017	How low has President Obama gone to tapp my phones during the very sacred election process. This is Nixon/Watergate. Bad (or sick) guy!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/837996746236182529
23.3.2017	Just watched the totally biased and fake news reports of the so-called Russia story on NBC and ABC. Such dishonesty!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/844886082663698436
28.3.2017	The failing @NYTimes would do much better if they were honest!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/846745288735887360
8.4.2017	Congratulations to our great military men and women for representing the United States, and the world, so well in the Syria attack.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/850723509370327040
13.4.2017	I have great confidence that China will properly deal with North Korea. If they are unable to do so, the U.S., with its allies, will! U.S.A.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/852508752142114816
20.6.2017	KAREN HANDEL FOR CONGRESS. She will fight for lower taxes, great healthcare strong security-a hard worker who will never give up! VOTE TODAY	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/877104262463008771
21.6.2017	Well, the Special Elections are over and those that want to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN are 5 and O! All the Fake News, all the money spent = 0	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/877372660455546880
22.6.2017	I certainly hope the Democrats do not force Nancy P out. That would be very bad for the Republican Party - and please let Cryin' Chuck stay!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/877892883352702976
29.6.2017	I heard poorly rated @Morning_Joe speaks badly of me (don't watch anymore). Then how come low I.Q. Crazy Mika, along with Psycho Joe, came.. ...to Mar-a-Lago 3 nights in a row around New Year's Eve, and insisted on joining me. She was bleeding badly from a face-lift. I said no!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/880408582310776832, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/880410114456465411
1.7.2017	Happy Canada Day to all of the great people of Canada and to your Prime Minister and my new found friend @JustinTrudeau. #Canada150	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/881131368520056832
1.7.2017	Crazy Joe Scarborough and dumb as a rock Mika are not bad people, but their low rated show is dominated by their NBC bosses. Too bad!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/881140479454310401
2.7.2017	The dishonest media will NEVER keep us from accomplishing our objectives on behalf of our GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE! #AmericaFirst	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/881604490041995271
5.7.2017	The United States made some of the worst Trade Deals in world history.Why should we continue these deals with countries that do not help us?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/882558219285131265

15.7.2017	Honored to serve as Commander-in-Chief to the courageous men and women of our U.S. Armed Forces. A grateful nation thanks you!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/886036222308757504
16.7.2017	The #USSJohnFinn will provide essential capabilities to keep America safe. Our sailors are the best anywhere in the world. Congratulations!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/886635676787232768
16.7.2017	Republicans should just REPEAL failing ObamaCare now & work on a new Healthcare Plan that will start from a clean slate. Dems will join in!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/887134287350439936
20.7.2017	Melania and I send our thoughts and prayers to Senator McCain, Cindy, and their entire family. Get well soon.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/887862941109940225
22.7.2017	My son Donald openly gave his e-mails to the media & authorities whereas Crooked Hillary Clinton deleted (& acid washed) her 33,000 e-mails!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/888730468732067841
7.8.2017	Interesting to watch Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut talking about hoax Russian collusion when he was a phony Vietnam con artist!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/894525428236464128
27.8.2017	Great coordination between agencies at all levels of government. Continuing rains and flash floods are being dealt with. Thousands rescued.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/901777333513854976
14.9.2017	The WALL, which is already under construction in the form of new renovation of old and existing fences and walls, will continue to be built.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/908274366739345409
27.9.2017	Spoke to Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys yesterday. Jerry is a winner who knows how to get things done. Players will stand for Country!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/912997506900021248
30.9.2017	Fake News CNN and NBC are going out of their way to disparage our great First Responders as a way to "get Trump." Not fair to FR or effort!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/914094625488502784
8.10.2017	I asked @VP Pence to leave stadium if any players kneeled, disrespecting our country. I am proud of him and @SecondLady Karen.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/917091286607433728
22.10.2017	It is finally sinking through. 46% OF PEOPLE BELIEVE MAJOR NATIONAL NEWS ORGS FABRICATE STORIES ABOUT ME. FAKE NEWS, even worse! Lost cred.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/922072236592435200
2.11.2017	Would love to send the NYC terrorist to Guantanamo but statistically that process takes much longer than going through the Federal system.. ...There is also something appropriate about keeping him in the home of the horrible crime he committed. Should move fast. DEATH PENALTY!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/926053970535243777, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/926054936718307328
3.11.2017	The real story on Collusion is in Donna B's new book. Crooked Hillary bought the DNC & then stole the Democratic Primary from Crazy Bernie!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/926415703476928512

3.11.2017	Just took off for ceremony @ Pearl Harbor. Will then be heading to Japan, SKorea, China, Vietnam & the Philippines. Will never let you down!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/926460439000698880
7.11.2017	Ralph Northam will allow crime to be rampant in Virginia. He's weak on crime, weak on our GREAT VETS, Anti-Second Amendment.... ....and has been horrible on Virginia economy. Vote @EdWGillespie today!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/927851387857367040, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/927851452185407490
11.11.2017	On this wonderful Veterans Day, I want to express the incredible gratitude of the entire American Nation to our GREAT VETERANS. Thank you!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/929320777668628480
15.11.2017	It is actually hard to believe how naive (or dumb) the Failing @nytimes is when it comes to foreign policy...weak and ineffective!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/930840960346611712
24.11.2017	Will be speaking to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey this morning about bringing peace to the mess that I inherited in the Middle East. I will get it all done, but what a mistake, in lives and dollars (6 trillion), to be there in the first place!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/934029886842458112
3.12.2017	So General Flynn lies to the FBI and his life is destroyed, while Crooked Hillary Clinton, on that now famous FBI holiday "interrogation" with no swearing in and no recording, lies many times...and nothing happens to her? Rigged system, or just a double standard?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/937141061343956992
4.12.2017	Putting Pelosi/Schumer Liberal Puppet Jones into office in Alabama would hurt our great Republican Agenda of low on taxes, tough on crime, strong on military and borders...& so much more. Look at your 401-k's since Election. Highest Stock Market EVER! Jobs are roaring back!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/937652739001212928
8.12.2017	LAST thing the Make America Great Again Agenda needs is a Liberal Democrat in Senate where we have so little margin for victory already. The Pelosi/Schumer Puppet Jones would vote against us 100% of the time. He's bad on Crime, Life, Border, Vets, Guns & Military. VOTE ROY MOORE!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/934781939088629761
9.12.2017	Fake News CNN made a vicious and purposeful mistake yesterday. They were caught red handed, just like lonely Brian Ross at ABC News (who should be immediately fired for his "mistake"). Watch to see if @CNN fires those responsible, or was it just gross incompetence?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/939480342779580416
30.11.2017	The Chinese Envoy, who just returned from North Korea, seems to have had no impact on Little Rocket Man. Hard to believe his people, and the military, put up with living in such horrible conditions. Russia and China condemned the launch.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/936209447747190784
26.12.2017	WOW, @foxandfrlends "Dossier is bogus. Clinton Campaign, DNC funded Dossier. FBI CANNOT (after all of this time) VERIFY CLAIMS IN DOSSIER OF RUSSIA/TRUMP COLLUSION. FBI TAINTED." And they used this Crooked Hillary pile of garbage as the basis for going after the Trump Campaign!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/945646491955290113

10.1.2018	As I made very clear today, our country needs the security of the Wall on the Southern Border, which must be part of any DACA approval.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/950884128379035650
11.1.2018	With that being said, I have personally directed the fix to the unmasking process since taking office and today's vote is about foreign surveillance of foreign bad guys on foreign land. We need it! Get smart!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/951457382651056128
18.1.2018	ISIS is in retreat, our economy is booming, investments and jobs are pouring back into the country, and so much more! Together there is nothing we can't overcome--even a very biased media. We ARE Making America Great Again!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/953796944564031489
24.1.2018	Cryin' Chuck Schumer fully understands, especially after his humiliating defeat, that if there is no Wall, there is no DACA. We must have safety and security, together with a strong Military, for our great people!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/956015565776277510
8.2.2018	The Budget Agreement today is so important for our great Military. It ends the dangerous sequester and gives Secretary Mattis what he needs to keep America Great. Republicans and Democrats must support our troops and support this Bill!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/961368036782628864
9.2.2018	Wow! -Senator Mark Warner got caught having extensive contact with a lobbyist for a Russian oligarch. Warner did not want a "paper trail" on a "private" meeting (in London) he requested with Steele of fraudulent Dossier fame. All tied into Crooked Hillary.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/961802557646569475
21.2.2018	The GREAT Billy Graham is dead. There was nobody like him! He will be missed by Christians and all religions. A very special man.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/966317112565420033
6.3.2018	The new Fake News narrative is that there is CHAOS in the White House. Wrong! People will always come & go, and I want strong dialogue before making a final decision. I still have some people that I want to change (always seeking perfection). There is no Chaos, only great Energy!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/971006379375972354
10.3.2018	The European Union, wonderful countries who treat the U.S. very badly on trade, are complaining about the tariffs on Steel & Aluminum. If they drop their horrific barriers & tariffs on U.S. products going in, we will likewise drop ours. Big Deficit. If not, we Tax Cars etc. FAIR!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/972585290857672704
15.3.2018	Larry Kudlow will be my Chief Economic Advisor as Director of the National Economic Council. Our Country will have many years of Great Economic & Financial Success, with low taxes, unparalleled innovation, fair trade and an ever expanding labor force leading the way! #MAGA	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/974241711315709954
16.3.2018	It would be great for the Republican Party of Nevada, and it's unity if good guy Danny Tarkanian would run for Congress and Dean Heller, who is doing a really good job, could run for Senate unopposed!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/974683485322596352
5.4.2018	The Caravan is largely broken up thanks to the strong immigration laws of Mexico and their willingness to use them so as not to cause a giant scene at our Border. Because of the Trump Administrations	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/981859214380462081

	actions, Border crossings are at a still UNACCEPTABLE 46 year low. Stop drugs!	
16.4.2018	Comey drafted the Crooked Hillary exoneration long before he talked to her (lied in Congress to Senator G), then based his decisions on her poll numbers. Disgruntled, he, McCabe, and the others, committed many crimes!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/985856662866202624
16.4.2018	Russia and China are playing the Currency Devaluation game as the U.S. keeps raising interest rates. Not acceptable!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/985858100149309441
1.5.2018	So disgraceful that the questions concerning the Russian Witch Hunt were "leaked" to the media. No questions on Collusion. Oh, I see...you have a made up, phony crime, Collusion, that never existed, and an investigation begun with illegally leaked classified information. Nice!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/991267863674675200
5.5.2018	Democrats and liberals in Congress want to disarm law-abiding Americans at the same time they are releasing dangerous criminal aliens and savage gang members onto our streets. Politicians who put criminal aliens before American Citizens should be voted out of office!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/992523949698412544
26.5.2018	With Spies, or "Informants" as the Democrats like to call them because it sounds less sinister (but it's not), all over my campaign, even from a very early date, why didn't the crooked highest levels of the FBI or "Justice" contact me to tell me of the phony Russia problem?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1000458567147839488
26.5.2018	Thanks to very brave Teacher & Hero Jason Seaman of Noblesville, Indiana, for his heroic act in saving so many precious young lives. His quick and automatic action is being talked about all over the world!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1000387893427351553
4.6.2018	As has been stated by numerous legal scholars, I have the absolute right to PARDON myself, but why would I do that when I have done nothing wrong? In the meantime, the never ending Witch Hunt, led by 13 very Angry and Conflicted Democrats (& others) continues into the mid-terms!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1003616210922147841
13.6.2018	Congratulations to Corey Stewart for his great victory for Senator from Virginia. Now he runs against a total stiff, Tim Kaine, who is weak on crime and borders, and wants to raise your taxes through the roof. Don't underestimate Corey, a major chance of winning!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1006837459794251776
23.6.2018	Heading to Nevada to talk trade and immigration with supporters. Country's economy is stronger than ever before with numbers that are getting better by the week. Tremendous potential, and trade deals are coming along well.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1010567610352611328
28.6.2018	When is Bob Mueller going to list his Conflicts of Interest? Why has it taken so long? Will they be listed at the top of his $22,000,000 Report...And what about the 13 Angry Democrats, will they list their conflicts with Crooked H? How many people will be sent to jail and..... ....persecuted on old and/or totally unrelated charges (there was no collusion and there was no obstruction of the no collusion)...And what is going on in the FBI & DOJ with Crooked Hillary, the DNC and all of the lies? A disgraceful situation!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1012315534220808192, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1012318771250384896

30.6.2018	Either we need to elect more Republicans in November or Republicans must end the ridiculous 60 vote, or Filibuster, rule - or better yet, do both. Cryin' Chuck would do it on day one, but we'll never give him the chance. Some great legislation awaits - be smart!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1013141673776500736
3.7.2018	Crazy Maxine Waters, said by some to be one of the most corrupt people in politics, is rapidly becoming, together with Nancy Pelosi, the FACE of the Democrat Party. Her ranting and raving, even referring to herself as a wounded animal, will make people flee the Democrats!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1014090584963866624
10.7.2018	I am on Air Force One flying to NATO and hear reports that the FBI lovers, Peter Strzok and Lisa Page are getting cold feet on testifying about the Rigged Witch Hunt headed by 13 Angry Democrats and people that worked for Obama for 8 years. Total disgrace!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1016693575344504832
23.7.2018	So President Obama knew about Russia before the Election. Why didn't he do something about it? Why didn't he tell our campaign? Because it is all a big hoax, that's why, and he thought Crooked Hillary was going to win!!!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1021158915206152193
25.7.2018	On the heels of the VERY successful launch of the @WhiteHouse National Council for the American Worker, Congress should reauthorize #PerkinsCTE and ensure the American workforce remains stronger than EVER! #Jobs #Workforce	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1021884006869204992
1.8.2018	Russian Collusion with the Trump Campaign, one of the most successful in history, is a TOTAL HOAX. The Democrats paid for the phony and discredited Dossier which was, along with Comey, McCabe, Strzok and his lover, the lovely Lisa Page, used to begin the Witch Hunt. Disgraceful!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1024656465158721536
4.8.2018	Lebron James was just interviewed by the dumbest man on television, Don Lemon. He made Lebron look smart, which isn't easy to do. I like Mike!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1025586524782559232
5.8.2018	Too bad a large portion of the Media refuses to report the lies and corruption having to do with the Rigged Witch Hunt - but that is why we call them FAKE NEWS!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1026087766071947265
5.8.2018	The Fake News hates me saying that they are the Enemy of the People only because they know it's TRUE. I am providing a great service by explaining this to the American People. They purposely cause great division & distrust. They can also cause War! They are very dangerous & sick!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1026069857589227520
13.8.2018	While I know it's "not presidential" to take on a lowlife like Omarosa, and while I would rather not be doing so, this is a modern day form of communication and I know the Fake News Media will be working overtime to make even Wacky Omarosa look legitimate as possible. Sorry!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1029010124881453056
14.8.2018	Bruce Ohr of the "Justice" Department (can you believe he is still there) is accused of helping disgraced Christopher Steele "find dirt on Trump." Ohr's wife, Nelly, was in on the act big time - worked for Fusion GPS on Fake Dossier. @foxandfriends	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1029335579845115904

25.8.2018	Big story out that the FBI ignored tens of thousands of Crooked Hillary Emails, many of which are REALLY BAD. Also gave false election info. I feel sure that we will soon be getting to the bottom of all of this corruption. At some point I may have to get involved!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1033339636343549952
26.8.2018	Fantastic numbers on consumer spending released on Friday. Stock Market hits all time high!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1033723516116500481
30.8.2018	The hatred and extreme bias of me by @CNN has clouded their thinking and made them unable to function. But actually, as I have always said, this has been going on for a long time. Little Jeff Z has done a terrible job, his ratings suck, & AT&T should fire him to save credibility!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1035117507839967232
10.9.2018	"It is mostly anonymous sources in here, why should anyone trust you? General Mattis, General Kelly said it's not true." @SavannahGuthrie @TODAYshow Bob Woodward is a liar who is like a Dem operative prior to the Midterms. He was caught cold, even by NBC.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1039130589406875651
13.9.2018	The problem with banker Jamie Dimon running for President is that he doesn't have the aptitude or "smarts" & is a poor public speaker & nervous mess - otherwise he is wonderful. I've made a lot of bankers, and others, look much smarter than they are with my great economic policy!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1040198906842427392
26.9.2018	Avenatti is a third rate lawyer who is good at making false accusations, like he did on me and like he is now doing on Judge Brett Kavanaugh. He is just looking for attention and doesn't want people to look at his past record and relationships - a total low-life!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1044991766309621760
4.10.2018	Wow, such enthusiasm and energy for Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Look at the Energy, look at the Polls. Something very big is happening. He is a fine man and great intellect. The country is with him all the way!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1047673458241560576
11.10.2018	Massive overflow crowd tonight in Erie, Pennsylvania. THANK YOU to everyone who came out and joined us. Together, we are MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1050189312904581120
16.10.2018	WOW, John James is making headway in Michigan. We are bringing jobs back to the State, and the People of Michigan appreciate it. Debbie Stabenow has been no help, if anything, a major hindrance. John James is a star, I hope the voters see it. Polls are tightening!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1052270676982333442
18.10.2018	All Republicans support people with pre-existing conditions, and if they don't, they will after I speak to them. I am in total support. Also, Democrats will destroy your Medicare, and I will keep it healthy and well!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1053008701026693122
29.10.2018	There is great anger in our Country caused in part by inaccurate, and even fraudulent, reporting of the news. The Fake News Media, the true Enemy of the People, must stop the open & obvious hostility & report the news accurately & fairly. That will do much to put out the flame... ....of Anger and Outrage and we will then be able to bring all sides together in Peace and Harmony. Fake News Must End!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1056879122348195841, https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump/status/1056880287974649856

31.10.2018	Harry Reid, when he was sane, agreed with us on Birthright Citizenship!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1057683481793302528
20.11.2018	I hope the discovery and eventual recovery of the Argentine submarine San Juan brings needed closure to the wonderful families of those brave missing sailors. I look forward to hearing more from my friend President @MauricioMacri in Argentina later this month.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1064734907941994497
21.11.2018	So-called comedian Michelle Wolf bombed so badly last year at the White House Correspondents' Dinner that this year, for the first time in decades, they will have an author instead of a comedian. Good first step in comeback of a dying evening and tradition! Maybe I will go?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1065088330969305089
26.11.2018	Mexico should move the flag waving Migrants, many of whom are stone cold criminals, back to their countries. Do it by plane, do it by bus, do it anyway you want, but they are NOT coming into the U.S.A. We will close the Border permanently if need be. Congress, fund the WALL!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1067015026995879937
29.11.2018	Did you ever see an investigation more in search of a crime? At the same time Mueller and the Angry Democrats aren't even looking at the atrocious, and perhaps subversive, crimes that were committed by Crooked Hillary Clinton and the Democrats. A total disgrace!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1068110895409233921
18.12.2018	Russia Dossier reporter now doubts dopey Christopher Steele's claims! "When you get into the details of the Steele Dossier, the specific allegations, we have not seen the evidence to support them. There's good grounds to think that some of the more sensational allegations.... WILL NEVER BE PROVEN AND ARE LIKELY FALSE." Thank you to Michael Isikoff, Yahoo, for honesty. What this means is that the FISA WARRANTS and the whole Russian Witch Hunt is a Fraud and a Hoax which should be ended immediately. Also, it was paid for by Crooked Hillary & DNC!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1075016498987573249, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1075018465356996609
4.1.2019	GREAT JOBS NUMBERS JUST ANNOUNCED!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1081198344645554176
6.1.2019	Will be going to Camp David tomorrow morning for meetings on Border Security and many other topics with @WhiteHouse senior staff.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1081733714437201922
21.1.2019	Congratulations to Bob Kraft, Bill Belichick, Tom Brady and the entire New England Patriots team on a great game and season. Will be a fantastic Super Bowl!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1087193843756347393
29.1.2019	A low level staffer that I hardly knew named Cliff Sims wrote yet another boring book based on made up stories and fiction. He pretended to be an insider when in fact he was nothing more than a gofer. He signed a non-disclosure agreement. He is a mess!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1090244651578204160
24.2.2019	The only Collusion with the Russians was with Crooked Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee...And, where's the Server that the DNC refused to give to the FBI? Where are the new Texts between Agent Lisa Page and her Agent lover, Peter S? We want them now!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1099713451457462273

28.3.2019	Wow, ratings for "Morning Joe," which were really bad in the first place, just "tanked" with the release of the Mueller Report. Likewise, other shows on MSNBC and CNN have gone down by as much as 50%. Just shows, Fake News never wins!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1111222415739244546
23.4.2019	Paul Krugman, of the Fake News New York Times, has lost all credibility, as has the Times itself, with his false and highly inaccurate writings on me. He is obsessed with hatred, just as others are obsessed with how stupid he is. He said Market would crash, Only Record Highs!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1120628334432608256
24.4.2019	"Former CIA analyst Larry Johnson accuses United Kingdom Intelligence of helping Obama Administration Spy on the 2016 Trump Presidential Campaign." @OANN WOW! It is now just a question of time before the truth comes out, and when it does, it will be a beauty!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1121006942502182913
28.4.2019	Just arrived in Green Bay, Wisconsin for a #MAGA Rally. Big crowds - join me at 8:00 P.M. Eastern, live on @FoxNews!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1122285823473401857
8.5.2019	The reason for the China pullback & attempted renegotiation of the Trade Deal is the sincere HOPE that they will be able to "negotiate" with Joe Biden or one of the very weak Democrats, and thereby continue to ripoff the United States (($500 Billion a year)) for years to come.... ....Guess what, that's not going to happen! China has just informed us that they (Vice-Premier) are now coming to the U.S. to make a deal. We'll see, but I am very happy with over $100 Billion a year in Tariffs filling U.S. coffers...great for U.S., not good for China!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1126106540015071232, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1126106541004873730
14.5.2019	My Administration will be fighting for $200 million for the Army Corps Everglades restoration work this year. Congress needs to help us complete the world's largest intergovernmental watershed restoration project ASAP! Good for Florida and good for the environment.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1128050330028134401
22.5.2019	As I have long been saying, and has now been proven out, this is a Witch Hunt against the Republican Party and myself, and it was the other side that caused the problem, not us!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1131217066982301707
22.5.2019	Everybody, including me, thought that when the 40 Million Dollar Mueller Report was released with No Collusion and No Obstruction (of a crime caused by others), that was the end. But no, the Democrats want to keep it going in an effort to help them in 2020. Bad for the Country!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1131195685565542402
26.5.2019	Congratulations to the Great (and my friend) Roger Penske on winning his 18th (UNBELIEVABLE!) Indianapolis 500. I am in Japan, very early in the morning, but I got to watch Simon drive one of the greatest races in the history of the sport. I will see them both, & TEAM, at the WH!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1132750329408364544
28.5.2019	Anyone associated with the 1994 Crime Bill will not have a chance of being elected. In particular, African Americans will not be able to vote for you. I, on the other hand, was responsible for Criminal Justice Reform, which had tremendous support, & helped fix the bad 1994 Bill!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1133139717069910017

30.5.2019	The Greatest Presidential Harassment in history. After spending $40,000,000 over two dark years, with unlimited access, people, resources and cooperation, highly conflicted Robert Mueller would have brought charges, if he had ANYTHING, but there were no charges to bring!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1134057302821150722
31.5.2019	Hard to believe that with the Crisis on the Border, the Dems won't do the quick and easy fix. Would solve the problem but they want Open Borders, which equals crime!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1134448050464800769
1.6.2019	The United States stands ready to work with @NayibBukele to advance prosperity in El Salvador and the hemisphere. Congratulations President Bukele on your inauguration!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1134910182083969024
16.6.2019	When will the Fake News Media start asking Democrats if they are OK with the hiring of Christopher Steele, a foreign agent, paid for by Crooked Hillary and the DNC, to dig up "dirt" and write a phony Dossier against the Presidential Candidate of the opposing party......... ......If Republicans ever did that to the Democrats, there would be all hell to pay. It would be a scandal like no other!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1140357421547839488
20.6.2019	Since Election Day 2016, Stocks up almost 50%, Stocks gained 9.2 Trillion Dollars in value, and more than 5,000,000 new jobs added to the Economy. @LouDobbs If our opponent had won, there would have been a market crash, plain and simple! @TuckerCarlson @seanhannity @IngrahamAngle	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1141499029727121408
8.7.2019	Impossible to believe that @FoxNews has hired @donnabrazile, the person fired by @CNN (after they tried to hide the bad facts, & failed) for giving Crooked Hillary Clinton the questions to a debate, something unimaginable. Now she is all over Fox, including Shep Smith, by far.... ....their lowest rated show. Watch the @FoxNews weekend daytime anchors, who are terrible, go after her big time. That's what they want - but it sure is not what the audience wants!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1148068598289719296, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1148068599111782401
12.7.2019	To everyone on the Gulf Coast: As you make preparations to protect your homes & loved ones from flooding & the coming storm, it is imperative that you heed the directions of @FEMA, State & Local Officials. We are working closely w/ them. Please be prepared, be careful, & be SAFE!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1149467665209028610
12.7.2019	We have a GREAT TEAM in Pennsylvania! I'm proud to say that our good friends Lawrence Tabas & Bernadette "Bernie" Comfort will now be working together to run the @PAGOP. Lawrence will be Chairman & Bernie will Chair my Pennsylvania Campaign. We must have, & do, great UNITY in PA!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1149715365741703170
13.7.2019	The Senate Intelligence Committee: THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF COLLUSION BETWEEN THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN AND RUSSIA!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1095638223861284865
19.7.2019	It is amazing how the Fake News Media became "crazed" over the chant "send her back" by a packed Arena (a record) crowd in the Great State of North Carolina, but is totally calm & accepting of the most vile and disgusting statements made by the three Radical Left Congresswomen... ....Mainstream Media, which has lost all credibility, has either officially or unofficially become a part of the Radical Left Democrat Party. It is a sick partnership, so pathetic to watch! They even covered a tiny staged crowd as they greeted Foul	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1152190436825604096, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1152190439325339648, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1152190440692756481

	Mouthed Omar in Minnesota, a... .....State which I will win in #2020 because they can't stand her and her hatred of our Country, and they appreciate all that I have done for them (opening up mining and MUCH more) which has led to the best employment & economic year in Minnesota's long and beautiful history!	
23.7.2019	I was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Bob Morgenthau, a truly great man! Bob served as a Naval Officer in World War II, was an extraordinary US Attorney, Manhattan District Attorney, and always a warrior for our Country that he loved so dearly.... .....I got to know him over his many years as Chairman of the Police Athletic League, for which he devoted so much time and energy. Bob Morgenthau, a legend, will be greatly missed!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1153737353648889856, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1153737355188199437
27.7.2019	Rep, Elijah Cummings has been a brutal bully, shouting and screaming at the great men & women of Border Patrol about conditions at the Southern Border, when actually his Baltimore district is FAR WORSE and more dangerous. His district is considered the Worst in the USA...... ....As proven last week during a Congressional tour, the Border is clean, efficient & well run, just very crowded. Cumming District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess. If he spent more time in Baltimore, maybe he could help clean up this very dangerous & filthy place	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1155073964634517505, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1155073965880172544
30.7.2019	Wow! Morning Joe & Psycho ratings have really crashed. Very small audience. People are tired of hearing Fake News delivered with an anger that is not to be believed. Sad, when the show was sane, they helped get me elected. Thanks! Was on all the time. Lost all of its juice!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1156175364802142209
12.8.2019	Things are going along very well with China. They are paying us Tens of Billions of Dollars, made possible by their monetary devaluations and pumping in massive amounts of cash to keep their system going. So far our consumer is paying nothing - and no inflation. No help from Fed!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1157633906025402368
12.8.2019	Scaramucci, who like so many others had nothing to do with my Election victory, is only upset that I didn't want him back in the Administration (where he desperately wanted to be). Also, I seldom had time to return his many calls to me. He just wanted to be on TV!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1160997363177181188
15.8.2019	I know President Xi of China very well. He is a great leader who very much has the respect of his people. He is also a good man in a "tough business." I have ZERO doubt that if President Xi wants to quickly and humanely solve the Hong Kong problem, he can do it. Personal meeting?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1161774305895694336
18.8.2019	MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1163066735588720640
9.9.2019	When all of the people pushing so hard for Criminal Justice Reform were unable to come even close to getting it done, they came to me as a group and asked for my help. I got it done with a group of Senators & others who would never have gone for it. Obama couldn't come close.... ....A man named @VanJones68, and many others, were profusely grateful (at that time!). I SIGNED IT INTO LAW, no one else did, & Republicans deserve much credit. But now that it is passed, people that had virtually nothing to do with it are taking the praise. Guys like boring..... ....musician	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1170897584510124032, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1170897585336475648, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1170897586364006405, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrum p/status/1170897587387412480

	@johnlegend, and his filthy mouthed wife, are talking now about how great it is - but I didn't see them around when we needed help getting it passed. "Anchor"@LesterHoltNBC doesn't even bring up the subject of President Trump or the Republicans when talking about.... .....the importance or passage of Criminal Justice Reform. They only talk about the minor players, or people that had nothing to do with it...And the people that so desperately sought my help when everyone else had failed, all they talk about now is Impeaching President Trump!	
11.9.2019	I am pleased to endorse Governor Mike Parson of Missouri. He is very Popular, Strong, and knows what he is doing – he gets it! Based on the fact that Mike has announced he will run again in 2020 for Governor, Mike Parson has my Complete and Total Endorsement!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1171590284544827392
18.9.2019	Dummy Beto made it much harder to make a deal. Convinced many that Dems just want to take your guns away. Will continue forward!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1174290744057589761
30.9.2019	Very simple! I was looking for Corruption and also why Germany, France and others in the European Union don't do more for Ukraine. Why is it always the USA that does so much and puts up so much money for Ukraine and other countries? By the way, the Bidens were corrupt!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1178670564879343619
30.9.2019	Again, the President of Ukraine said there was NO (ZERO) PRESSURE PUT ON HIM BY ME. Case closed!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1178650939374424067
5.10.2019	LYIN' SHIFTY SCHIFF!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1180245134363025415
10.10.2019	The President of the Ukraine just stated again, in the strongest of language, that President Trump applied no pressure and did absolutely nothing wrong. He used the strongest language possible. That should end this Democrat Scam, but it won't, because the Dems & Media are FIXED!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1182289435955777537
18.10.2019	So funny to watch Steve Kerr grovel and pander when asked a simple question about China. He chocked, and looks weak and pathetic. Don't want him at the White House!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1182859828386885633
22.10.2019	Thank you Republicans. 185 out of 185 present voted for "US" last night. Really good!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1186611810931236870
6.11.2019	A lot of winning in Kentucky. Check out the numbers.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1191942342879666178
7.11.2019	Stock Market up big today. A New Record. Enjoy!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1192467617140924417
25.11.2019	The Impeachment Scam is driving Republican Poll Numbers UP, UP, UP! Thank you Shifty.	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1198723449054748672
5.12.2019	Nancy Pelosi just had a nervous fit. She hates that we will soon have 182 great new judges and sooo much more. Stock Market and employment records. She says she "prays for the President." I don't believe her, not even close. Help the homeless in your district Nancy. USMCA?	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1202631185052164096

7.12.2019	The United States Secret Service Deputy Assistant Director, Anthony Ornato, will become my new Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. I have worked with Tony for 3 years - he will do a fantastic job! Thank you to Dan Walsh for his great service, and congratulations to Tony!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1203409115373981697
9.12.2019	What he did is illegal. Schiff is a corrupt politician and a criminal!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1203809537653956611, https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1140357430095810560
12.12.2019	Great Rally in Pennsylvania last night. Congressman Lloyd Smucker (PA-11) was there and I informed him that he has my complete and total Endorsement for the upcoming 2020 Election. Lloyd has done a great job. I am with him all the way! #MAGA	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1204909996590415873
28.12.2019	Hillary should give it another try, but this time don't forget Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina & others!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1210756296481226754
29.12.2019	A Dirty Cop at the highest level. Scum!	https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1211048160296079361