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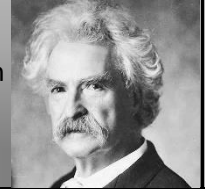
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"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

— Mark Twain



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## AT YEAR'S END: WE TELL SOME LIES OF OUR OWN

### MAINSTREAM PRESS TO COVER TRUMP DIFERENTLY IN 2019

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Believing that the press bears some responsibility for feeding the bottomless ego of the President, editors from the nation's leading mainstream newspapers and cable news outlets agreed to stop giving Trump news coverage of his latest distractions.

Instead of focusing on the **content** of POTUS' tweets and spoken comments, they will now focus on the **process** of Mr. Trump's communication strategy: telling one gigantic lie after another in order to distract the nation's attention from larger issues, such as the fact that he, like Vladimir Putin, cannot be trusted -- as the Mueller probe will doubtless substantiate.

"Rather than playing the part of those seeking more and more comment from him, which Trump depends upon, we will now simply ask him about his lies," said a spokeswoman for the editors.

"By way of an example, POTUS tweets: that there is 'substantial evidence of voter fraud.' **First**, we're going to say: 'Mr. President, you lie about nearly everything. Why should

anyone bother even listening to you?' The President will then go on the attack, call the press member names, threaten to relinquish press credentials, etc. He will hope thereby to change the subject. Instead, reporters will again respond: 'Mr. President, you didn't answer the question: since you lie all the time, why should anyone listen to you?' Again, he'll try to change the subject.



"**Then**, when the news report is written, this exchange will be reported. What UC Berkley professor of linguistics and cognitive science professor George Lakoff calls 'a truth sandwich' then will be employed.<sup>1</sup> That's where you first state what is true, then the lie, and then again what is true and the consequences of believing the lie that has been told.

"So, in our example," the spokeswoman continued, "when POTUS lies about the voter fraud, the news reports will say:

'The overwhelming evidence from all over the country is that the incidence of voter fraud in American elections is very rare. In spite of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Mr. Trump tweeted that "there is 'substantial evidence of voter fraud.'" But well-designed studies show that voter fraud is nearly non-existent. Clearly, if one believes the President, then time and attention will be spent on a wild goose chase. Meanwhile, numerous examples of attempts by members of the GOP to restrict voter access to the polls for those likely to vote for his opposition are less likely to be reported and discussed.'

"What the editors have done is to add a powerful, useful response **prior** to reporting the lie as the middle layer of Lakoff's 'truth sandwich.' We believe that, over time, this will more truthfully and usefully report what is actually going on when the President speaks."

<sup>1</sup> See [The All New Don't Think of An Elephant: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate](#) by George Lakoff (Chelsea Green, 2014). Lakoff, urges progressives to go beyond the typical laundry list of facts, policies, and programs and present a clear moral vision to the country—one that is traditionally American and can become a guidepost for developing compassionate, effective policy that upholds citizens' well-being and freedom.

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**IT MIGHT BE JUST A RUMOR: BUT IF IT IS, IT'S A GOOD ONE!**

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Remember all those women who marched on Washington on January 21, 2017? It was the largest single day protest in U. S. history. Wonderfully, they wore knitted "pussy hats" to protest the newly inaugurated president's fondness for grabbing it.



We heard some rumblings about those same women returning to Washington, only this time they'd leave their pussy hats at home. This time, they'd wear red MAGA ballcaps and march by the White House. Then they'd all shout: LOCK HIM UP!

The genius of this idea is that Trump is said to be humiliated *only when his supporters mock him*.

We're pretty sure this is just a pipe dream, but as someone once sang:  
*Sweet dreams are made of this . . . .*

**MUELLER PROBE IS A WITCH HUNT! SORT OF . . . .**

December 27, 2018

SPECIAL TO FREEDOM'S VIEW

An anonymous source within Mueller's investigation shared with us that, save for the usual misspellings that his tweets contain, Trump

has every reason to denigrate the Special Counsel's investigation. "Actually, we're not conducting a 'witch' hunt, as the President declares," said their backgrounder. That's his misspelling of what we're actually doing. We're conducting a 'which' hunt. We're looking for which statements of the President are free from lies. So far, our absolute lack of evidence of that occurring is very frustrating to him."

**AND FINALLY THERE'S THIS . . . .**

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Congress has just reached an agreement with President Trump on his demand for funding the construction of his long-desired wall. This will end the government shutdown.

The deal came together when the President agreed to the conditions a

joint bi-partisan group of Senators and Representatives insisted upon.

Trump will immediately get his 25 billion dollars for construction of the entire wall. He may use whatever "attractive" design he desires.

In exchange, the President agreed to sign into law legislation guaranteeing the Dreamers a path to citizenship that is straightforward, appropriate, and compassionate.

The sticking point of all prior negotiations on this issue was resolved by the following proviso.

The legislation states that every two miles along the wall, there will be a sign of no less than 5 feet high by 8 feet long. It will be securely mounted on the side facing Mexico and will be adorned with the golden Trump logo. Written in Spanish, the sign will say:

**TRUMP**

*This so-called "big, beautiful wall" was erected by Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, even though the great majority of his countrymen did not want it.*

*They viewed it as wasteful, ineffective, and offensive to America's values, as well as to the people of Mexico, Central and South America.*

*The majority gave in to President Trump's demands in exchange for his promise to sign legislation which finally gave a path to citizenship to the 11 million Dreamers who innocently came to America from Mexico as young children with their parents who emigrated here, illegally, but in search of a better life.*