

Trump Voters –

What do they think of his performance at this juncture (summer 2019)

Male. 30's. Tech Industry. Black.

What were the reasons that motivated you to be aligned with the Trump campaign messaging in 2015/16?

Because he was different than the establishment politicians; he opposed them. It wasn't his messaging that spoke to me so much, but the media's vitriol toward him and their obvious bias toward Hillary that made me curious. I wasn't planning on voting for Hillary at all (I don't understand how blacks can vote for the Democratic party), but the fact that he wasn't supposed to win made me vote for him so he could be the proverbial bull in the governmental China shop.

How do you feel this administration has been treated by the press?

Quite unfairly. The media looks for anything and everything bad and tries to tie it to Trump because that is what sells, gets clicks, or gets viewers to tune in. I've trusted the media very little, but after the past few years, I actively distrust them at this point. They are more of a benchmark as to what the powers-that-be want the populace to believe. Actual reporters have found some aspects of governmental social manipulation by way of digital deception, and I would be remiss if I thought that these same powers were acting to influence me in the same way by way of the press.

<https://theintercept.com/2014/02/24/jtrig-manipulation/>

By what measures/issues do you gauge the effectiveness of this administration to this point?

As a libertarian/anarchist, I measure the effectiveness of this administration by way of how the machinations of the international elites are being disrupted. I'm aware of many different groups and organizations, both governmental and non-governmental (RIIA, CFR, Trilateral Commission, Bilderburg Group, etc), in addition to single actors (Oprah, Koch, Soros, etc). I oppose all of the methods of social mass manipulation and social management that these groups employ, as I am not a puppet to be manipulated, I am not cattle to be herded and farmed for tax and spending revenue by corporations and governments (as enabled by people like Edward Bernays and Mark Zuckerberg). I'm not a lump of clay to be molded into subservience (as believed by those such as Johann Fichte, the father of German Nationalism whose Prussian schooling philosophy of subservience was popularized in the US by Horace Mann and John Dewey and "philanthropists"). I'm a human being that seeks liberty from the shackles of government and psychological manipulation at a distance by way of propaganda. That said, any administration that hinders the ability of these legions of manipulative organizations to "manage" the populace is being rather effective in

at least one dimension.

Did you follow the Mueller investigation? Any thoughts on that at this moment?

I hadn't followed it closely; my distrust in media would require more time than I currently have to invest in fact-checking the fact-checkers as I used to in my youth. That said, I'm finding the media's reaction to the Mueller investigation to be hilarious. People that were swearing up and down that the report would come out and free us from the Orange Russian menace are now saying that they don't care what's in the report, they know he's a traitor, or that they are having an existential crisis as a result. The reason I find it to be so funny is because I know that government tends to pull the strings behind the scenes of mass media, so when they lose the narrative, it makes me very happy.

Are the others in your personal sphere that you believe to be Trump supporters or voters seeing things similarly? If not, how are they reading the above?

My sister and my mother voted for Trump, and have a somewhat similar, if not as "extreme" perspective.

Do you feel your demographic is represented fairly in the media?

Not at all.

If not, how do you feel the national dialogue mischaracterizes your very broad demographic?

In the national dialogue, people with my ideas (individualistic, opposed to conflict theory/Marxism, liberty-minded) tend to be identified as not black, white supremacist (somehow), or a patsy of white people/coon. The fact that I don't want government to tell me how to live makes me and those like me feel rather alienated (my sister has the same problems). Trump voters (which are separate from Trump supporters) tend to be depicted as uneducated (equating not going to college with being stupid, even though colleges tend to be heavily left-leaning to the point that those students that aren't on the left tend to be ostracized, bullied, or physically assaulted) while simultaneously casting themselves in the light of being intellectually superior.

Do you feel this administration worked to address your very broad demographic? Have they been successful in that or not?

I don't think they worked to address my demographic, but I don't want the government to address my demographic. I want the government to reduce in size, and this almost never occurs.

If the next Presidential election were today would you be inclined to vote for President Trump or against? For our purposes, it's the very first election where the only choice is 'Yay' or 'Nay' (because otherwise it's an impossible question to

answer)
Yay

Male, 51, federal government employee. Caucasian.

What were the reasons that motivated you to be aligned with the Trump campaign messaging in 2015/16?

I was actually a Ted Cruz voter in the primary because he more closely aligned with my view toward remaining true to the Constitution. After 8 years of watching Obama overstep his executive authority and do everything he could to destroy my country, I badly wanted a President who would do his damned job according to how it is described in the Constitution, not Marxist principles. When it became a contest between Trump, an asshole from New York with a big mouth, and Hillary, a flat-out crook, it was an easy choice. I rolled the dice with Trump.

How do you feel this administration has been treated by the press?

Horribly. They haven't given him a fair chance, not from day 1. They are part of the DNC's communication apparatus at this point. They aren't even trying to hide their bias anymore, which as a professional journalist and public communicator, galls me. They have repeatedly lied, distorted the truth, or omitted his achievements. Yes, I can name the perpetrators and specific instances.

By what measures/issues do you gauge the effectiveness of this administration to this point?

I'm not concerned about Trump's personality and the stuff he tweets. I measure his effectiveness as a President by what he actually does with policy. He stripped away burdensome regulations against business and lowered the business tax, immediately lifting up the economy. He brought the North Koreans to heel and stopped not only their missile tests but also a march toward war. He got us out of the Paris Climate Accord, the Trans Pacific Partnership, NAFTA, and the illegal Iran agreement -- all of which were hurting our economy, security and sovereignty. I'd like to see him reign in spending and our debt, but that needs to begin with Congress. I'd like to see him get less involved in trivial matters in our culture and remain focused on his job. I do like how he has challenged the press and called them out for being a propaganda arm.

Did you follow the Mueller investigation? Any thoughts on that at this moment?

The result reflected what many knew all along: there was no "collusion" with Russia. It was just a harassment tactic by a bunch of sore losers. If anything, it reveals just how much political bias is in our entrenched bureaucracy. If it had been revealed, through actual evidence, that he had somehow conspired with a foreign government to rig an election, I would happily have agreed to prosecute

him for treason. However, it is plain to me that his opponent is actually the traitor.

Are the others in your personal sphere that you believe to be Trump supporters or voters seeing things similarly? If not, how are they reading the above?

Yes. Anyone who looks at the facts objectively would arrive at similar conclusions. Most people, however, are only privy to what most "news organizations" present to them in their biased fashion. Facts omitted, editorializing by reporters, etc. You can tell who has drunk the Koolaid by the way they spout the DNC's talking points and do little critical thinking.

Then, do you feel your demographic is represented fairly in the media? If not, how do you feel the national dialogue mis-characterizes your very broad demographic?

(This is included to reveal that people comprising these demographics feel well- or mis-represented)

The media doesn't represent anything with fairness anymore, especially their so-called "polls". It's a joke. Thanks to my education in statistics and research techniques, I can easily spot the problems in their conclusions, which they tailor to fit their anti-Trump, Marxist narrative. Their polling and surveys focus primarily on minorities and Democratic voters clustered in major cities under Democratic control. They label people who do not agree with their agenda as "radical right wingers".

Do you feel this administration worked to address your very broad demographic? Have they been successful in that or not?

I don't see this administration addressing my broad demographic specifically, but rather addressing issues that affect all of us. If anything, Trump has moved to address minority issues that affect their economic status.

If the next Presidential election were today would you be inclined to vote for President Trump or against? For our purposes, it's the very first election where the only choice is 'Yay' or 'Nay' (because otherwise it's an impossible question to answer)

I always weigh the alternatives. So far I don't see one, so I would vote for Trump again given today's circumstance. Yay.

Female, 80's, merchant. Asian American.

This interviewee chose to ignore the questions given time-pressures and spoke only to her view of political dialogue at this point.

What I find offensive is that Bernie also has to berate Trump's character and

declare that Trump needs to be brought down for what he says. Bernie is similarly knocking someone's character in the same vicious tone.

I listen a lot to NPR radio when I'm driving and I find them bringing up a subject and then letting speakers from both sides make their own comments. I notice that I find it less offensive when the speakers are not knocking each other down for what the other is thinking. I'm fully for letting people have their opinions if I have a right to disagree without their finding me of lesser because I don't have a similar opinion.

What I do get tired of is that highly intelligent people that I socialize with cannot have a conversation without using Trump's dysfunction in their conversations. I'm fully in agreement that he is narcissistic. I also think most of the political figures dwell on that because they have the same qualities themselves and recognize it. At least somewhere, I learned that we do not see faults in others unless we have some of those faults ourselves and recognize it.

I'm also strongly of the opinion that we have our so called freedom for these 200+ years because we have at least two sides with different opinions and we need to go back and forth. I've recently been impressed with some population statistics about capitalism by Hans and Ole Rosling and how the world is overcoming poverty.

(as she ended with the economy – and reading between the lines having to do with overcoming poverty, I would guess that she too would say 'Yay' regarding voting for him again)