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April 7, 2020

Mr. John Greenewald 27305 W. Live Oak Road Suite #1203 Castaic, CA 91384 Via Email: john@greenewald.com

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (#FOIA-2020-025)

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Please be advised that this is a final response to your request dated November 27, 2019, in which you asked the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) to provide you with emails containing the word Conway from May 1, 2019 to present. We attempted to contact you in order to clarify/narrow the scope of your request because we received multiple requests for similar Conway records. We have processed your request for all records pertaining to OSC's investigations on Kellyanne Conway. Your request has been processed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

OSC identified 507 pages of responsive records. We are releasing 259 pages to you in full, 70 pages in part, and withholding 178 pages in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(5), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C).

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- FOIA Exemption 7(C) protects law enforcement information if disclosure could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C).

Please note that more responsive records are located online at <a href="https://osc.gov/Documents/Hatch%20Act/Reports/Report%20of%20Prohibited%20Political%20Activity,%20Kellyanne%20Conway%20(HA-19-0631%20&%20HA-19-3395).pdf">https://osc.gov/Documents/Hatch%20Act/Reports/Report%20of%20Prohibited%20Political%20Activity,%20Kellyanne%20Conway%20(HA-19-0631%20&%20HA-19-3395).pdf</a> and <a href="https://osc.gov/News/Pages/19-11-OSC-Response-to-White-House-Counsel-letter.aspx">https://osc.gov/News/Pages/19-11-OSC-Response-to-White-House-Counsel-letter.aspx</a>.

You have the right to appeal this determination under the FOIA. An appeal must be made in writing and sent to OSC's General Counsel at the address shown at the top of this letter or by email to <u>FOIAappeal@osc.gov</u>. The appeal must be received by the Office of General Counsel within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter.

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If you have any questions or you require dispute resolution services, please feel free to contact Mahala Dar, OSC's Chief FOIA Officer and acting FOIA Public Liaison, at mdar@osc.gov or (202) 804-7060. Please reference the above tracking number when you call or write. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer.<sup>1</sup>

Thank you,

/s/

Mahala Dar, Esq. Clerk

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Office of Governmental Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD 20740-6001; ogis@nara.gov (Email) 202-741-5770 (Office) 1-877-684-6448 (Toll Free) 202-741-5769 (Fax)

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#### **Case Profile Report** | Time: 13:29:20 Date: October 31, 2018 File Number: HA-19-0631 File Name: CONWAY Status: Active Age: 8 days Action Office: Hatch Act Unit Category: 1 Name Type Noah Bookbinder COMPLAINANT Kellyanne Conway SUBJECT HATCH COMPANION COMPLAINANT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)Type of Matter/Case: Federal Received: 10/23/2018 Agency: AGENCY UNKNOWN | Installation: CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHBN@€QMere violation occurred: \*\* Series: \*\*\*\* Complainant's Pay Schedule: \*\* Grade: \*\* Attorney Mediator **CEU Analyst** Investigator Galindo-Marrone, Ana Hamrick, Erica

Current Assignee: Erica Hamrick Personnel Actions: NOT AVAILABLE

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### **CODE 959**

Date: 10/23/18

Please open this correspondence as a Hatch Act complaint. This complaint alleges a Hatch Act violation by a federal/state (please circle one) employee. Information necessary to open a file for this complaint is provided below.

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#### Hamrick, Erica

From:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 1:59 PM

To:

Hamrick, Erica

Subject:

Complaint Against Kellyanne Conway

The Honourable Henery Kerner, Special Counsel via Erica S. Hamrick, Deputy Chief, Hatch Act Unit U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 218 Washington, D.C. 20036-4505

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @osc.gov

P: 202-804-7000

Re: Complaint Against Kellyanne Conway

Dear Special Counsel,

Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway likely violated the Hatch Act by using her official government Twitter account to post partisan political messages, promote the Republican party and retweet a post that featured an image of Trump's campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again." Also OSC should investigate whether Conway violated the Hatch Act by participating in a media interview in her official capacity and expressing political views about candidates for public office.

Kellyanne Conway is no stranger to ethics violations. In March, OSC reprimanded Conway for violating the Hatch Act on two separate occasions. Following a complaint from CREW, Conway received ethics counseling over her violation of federal ethics regulations by using her official position to promote Ivanka Trump products.

It is far past due for the Office of Special Counsel to consider additional measures to prevent the Trump Administration's ongoing abuse of government resources for partisan political activity. Never before have we seen such a pattern of continuous disregard for our laws and regulations that separate official government business from partisan campaigning. Enough is enough.

The Hatch Act prohibits any executive branch employee from "us[ing] his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election." OSC guidance on applying the Hatch Act prohibitions to social media, including Twitter, specifically advises that an employee may not "use a Facebook or Twitter account in his official capacity to engage in political activity" and requires that any social media account created in a federal employee's official capacity "remain politically neutral." In March, OSC offered additional clarification explicitly prohibiting an employee from using the slogan "Make America Great Again," hashtags such as #MAGA, or "any other materials from President Trump's 2016 or 2020 campaigns."

The American public should never have to worry that taxpayer-funded resources and positions are being used to advance a partisan political agenda, and yet administration officials continue to illegally use their government positions for partisan politics. So once again, CREW have filed a complaint, and they will continue to do so until Trump Administration officials stop violating the law.

Following previous CREW complaints, multiple Trump Administration officials have been cited for Hatch Act violations including Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, Deputy Assistant to the President and Communications Director for the Office of the First Lady Stephanie Grisham and White House Director of Social Media Dan Scavino.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these remarks to your attention.

Yours sincerely,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

cc: House Democratic Whip Office

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Re: Complaint:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.citizensforethics.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/23142032/OSC-Kellyanne-Conway-10-23-18-FINAL.pdf

#### Yarbro, Jacqueline

From: Donald Sherman (b)(6);

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Sent:

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 11:54 AM

To:

Marrone, Ana

Cc: Subject: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Eden Tadesse; Ethan Flanagan

Attachments:

Hatch Act Complaint re: Kellyanne Conway OSC (Kellyanne Conway) 10-23-18 FINAL.pdf

Hello:

Attached please find a Hatch Act complaint from CREW regarding Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

Donald Sherman

CREW | Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington Main: (202) 408-5565 | Fax: (202) 588-5020 | www.citizensforethics.org

October 23, 2018

The Honorable Henry Kerner Special Counsel Office of Special Counsel 1730 M Street, N.W. Suite 218 Washington, D.C. 20036-4505

Re: Violation of the Hatch Act by Kellyanne Conway

Dear Mr. Kerner:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") respectfully requests that the Office of Special Counsel ("OSC") investigate whether Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway violated the Hatch Act by using her social media account, in connection with the upcoming midterm elections in November, to promote the Republican Party and to post an image of President Trump's campaign slogan "Make America Great Again" among other political activity. CREW also requests that OSC investigate whether Ms. Conway violated the Hatch Act when she participated in a media interview in her official capacity and expressed her political views about partisan candidates who are running in the upcoming November elections. These actions were directed specifically toward the success or failure of a political party and candidates in partisan races including Donald J. Trump. By sharing these posts on a Twitter account that Ms. Conway uses for official government business and giving a television interview from the grounds of the White House that mixed official government business with political views about partisan candidates only weeks before their elections, she engaged in political activity prohibited by law.

#### Factual Background

Ms. Conway was selected to be Counselor to President Trump in December 2016 following her role as campaign manager on Donald Trump's presidential campaign. As Counselor to the President, Ms. Conway serves "as a public face of the administration" and, according to President Trump, provides expertise on "how to effectively communicate our message." Ms. Conway uses the Twitter handle @KellyannePolls, and identifies herself on that social media platform exclusively by her official title. Since joining the Trump Administration, Ms. Conway has routinely appeared on television and used her Twitter account to promote President Trump's agenda.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Michael D. Shear and Maggie Haberman, <u>Trump Rewards Kellyanne Conway With a Top White House Staff Slot</u>, *New York Times*, Dec. 22, 2016, *available at <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/22/us/politics/trump-picks-gop-veterans-for-white-house-posts html</sub>*</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>veterans-for-white-house-posts.html.</u>

<sup>2</sup> Elise Viebeck, <u>Trump hires Conway</u>, <u>Spicer and other loyalists for senior White House jobs</u>, Dec. 22, 2016, available at <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-hires-conway-spicer-and-other-loyalists-for-senior-white-house-jobs/2016/12/22/9f3c5692-c862-11e6-bf4b-2c064d32a4bf\_story.html?utm\_term=c89fbc87e54f.">https://white-house-jobs/2016/12/22/9f3c5692-c862-11e6-bf4b-2c064d32a4bf\_story.html?utm\_term=c89fbc87e54f.</a>

<sup>3</sup> Kellyanne Conway (@KellyannePolls), Twitter, https://twitter.com/KellyannePolls.

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#### Ms. Conway's Twitter Account

There is little doubt that Ms. Conway has been using the @KellyannePolls Twitter account for official government purposes since January 2017, when she joined the Trump Administration.<sup>4</sup> The account profile states only that Ms. Conway is "Counselor to the President." Since assuming her role in the White House, Ms. Conway has primarily used the account to post about official Trump Administration activities and priorities including various interviews on behalf of the Trump Administration in front of the White House. For example, on September 10, 2018, Ms. Conway used her @KellyannePolls account to retweet a link of her interview with Fox News, which she conducted while standing on the White House grounds.

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FOX & friends 🍪 @foxandfriends - Sep 10

"Cowards are like criminals – they eventually suss out themselves because they eventually confess or brag to the wrong person, and I suspect that's what will happen here." - 10.000 markets on anonymous NYT op-ed writer



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<sup>4</sup> Id.

<sup>5</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See generally id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Fox & Friends (@foxandfriends), Twitter (Sept. 10, 2018) https://twitter.com/foxandfriends/status/1039131625743732736.

A review of Ms. Conway's tweets from her @KellyannePolls account in August and September 2018 reveal that more than 70% of her tweets were related to official government business including, but not limited to, posting videos of interviews she conducted in an official capacity on behalf of the Trump Administration and retweeting posts from President Trump, Vice President Pence and the White House. Less than 30% of her posts during this period appeared to be personal in nature. Ms. Conway's social media activity during these months appears to have been consistent with her activity throughout her tenure in the Trump Administration, revealing a practice of tweeting primarily about official government business. In addition, Ms. Conway often links to the official website of the White House from her @KellyannePolls account. The official Twitter accounts of the White House, @White House, and the President of the United States, @POTUS, also have referenced Ms. Conway's work on behalf of the Trump Administration, and they have specifically linked to her @KellyannePolls account. Conway is work on behalf of the Trump Administration, and they have specifically linked to her @KellyannePolls account.

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South Carolina Day is in the books—the 35th state we have welcomed to the White House! We hosted more than 170 local officials for a day of briefings and discussion with Administration leaders, including agreementals.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See, e.g., Kellyanne Conway (@KellyannePolls), Twitter (Sept. 19, 2018) https://twitter.com/KellyannePolls/status/1042476857613082624.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See, e.g., The White House (@WhiteHouse), Twitter (Sept. 6, 2018) https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse/status/1037826031254757376.

Ms. Conway's @KellyannePolls account has been "verified" by Twitter and it does not appear that Ms. Conway maintains any other Twitter account for official business.

#### Use of @KellyannePolls for Partisan Political Purposes

Since March 2018, Ms. Conway appears to have used her official @KellyannePolls Twitter account for partisan political purposes on several occasions. As detailed below, such actions likely violate the Hatch Act.

On July 10, 2018, Ms. Conway tweeted an article from media outlet Mediate with the headline: "Democratic Party Mocked for Accidentally Using Photo of Hardiman in Article Slamming Kavanaugh." Ms. Conway's commentary reads in part, "This just about says it all." The tweet reads in full:



On August 16, 2018, Ms. Conway's @KellyannePolls account retweeted a tweet from Republican National Committee ("RNC") Chairwoman Ronna Ronna WcDaniel's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Kellyanne Conway (@KellyannePolls), Twitter (July 10, 2018), https://twitter.com/KellyannePolls/status/1016795441676083200.

@GOPChairwoman account stating: "A woman is actually leading the Republican Party." Chairwoman McDaniel's tweet was a retort in response to a tweet from Democratic National Committee ("DNC") Chair Tom Perez stating: "Let's be clear: Women are leading the Democratic Party." Mr. Perez's tweet included a link to a Democratic Party video praising Democratic women candidates in the 2018 elections. The entire tweet-chain reads:

🗘 Kellyanne Conway Retweeted



**Ronna McDaniel**  @GOPChairwoman · Aug 16 A woman is actually leading the Republican Party.

Tom Perez @ @TomPerez

Let's be clear: Women are leading the Democratic Party, bit.ly/2PePljW

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The RNC is registered with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") as a national party committee of the Republican Party and describes itself as the management arm of the Republican Party. <sup>14</sup> The DNC is registered with the FEC as a national party committee of the Democratic Party, and according to its website, the DNC and Mr. Perez are responsible for governing the Democratic Party. <sup>15</sup> Ms. Conway's retweet occurred less than three months before the upcoming mid-term elections.

On or around September 17, 2018, Ms. Conway retweeted a message from *Washington Examiner* reporter Paul Bedard that featured a photograph of President Trump wearing a white "Make America Great Again" hat and linked to a *Washington Examiner* article entitled, "Happy Days: Record low 12% worried about economy, great time to get a job." The tweet reads in full:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Ronna McDaniel (@GOPChairwoman), Twitter (Aug. 16, 2018), https://twitter.com/GOPChairwoman/status/1030252620093513731.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Republican National Committee, <u>FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, Amended</u>, Feb. 22, 2018, available at <a href="http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/901/201802229095515901/201802229095515901.pdf">http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/901/201802229095515901/201802229095515901.pdf</a>; Republican National Committee, <a href="Rules of the Republican Party">Rule 1(a)</a>, available at <a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/prod-static-ngop-pbl/docs/Rules">https://s3.amazonaws.com/prod-static-ngop-pbl/docs/Rules</a> of the Republican Party FINAL S14090314 pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> DNC Services Corp/Democratic National Committee, <u>FEC Form 1, Statement of Organization, Amended, Sept.</u> 10, 2018, available at <a href="http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/637/201809179121727637/201809179121727637.pdf">https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/637/201809179121727637/201809179121727637.pdf</a>; Democratic National Committee, <u>The Democratic National Committee</u>, 2018, available at <a href="https://democrats.org/about/party-organization/">https://democrats.org/about/party-organization/</a>.

<sup>16</sup> Paul Bedard (@SecretsBedard), Twitter (Sep. 17, 2018),

https://twitter.com/SecretsBedard/status/1041712351840493568 (linking to Paul Bedard, Happy Days: Record low 12% worried about economy, great time to get a job, Washington Examiner, Sept. 17, 2018), available at

Keliyanne Conway Retweeted

Paul Bedard @ @SecretsBedard - Sep 17

Happy Days: Record low 12% worried about economy, great time to get a job



Happy Days: Record tow 12% worried about economy, great time to g... Americans are happy with the booming U.S. economy, and a near record think the job market is the best ever, according to a sweeping new survey. washingtonevaminer.com

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The Washington Examiner article was based on a Gallup report published the same day that notably did not include an image of the president. 17 While the Gallup report was linked to and heavily cited in the Washington Examiner piece, the message Ms. Conway chose to retweet was one that featured the image of President Trump in the "Make America Great Again" hat.

https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/happy-days-record-low-12-worried-about-economy-

great-time-to-yet-a-job.

17 Frank Newport, Record-Low 12% Cite Economic Issues as Top U.S. Problem, Gallup, Sept. 17, 2018, available at https://bit.ly/2xPVBrni; see also GallupNews (@GallupNews), Twitter (Sept. 17, 2018), https://twitter.com/GallupNews/status/1041809252195729408.

#### Use of White House Office and Title for Partisan Political Purposes

On October 3, 2018, Ms. Conway participated in a television interview with Fox News. <sup>18</sup> Throughout her interview, Ms. Conway stood on the White House grounds with the White House visible in the background. <sup>19</sup> At the beginning of the interview, Ms. Conway was introduced by the host as "Kellyanne Conway from the North Lawn," a specific reference to her location on the White House grounds. <sup>20</sup> Ms. Conway was periodically identified on the chyron at the bottom of the interview by her official title "Counselor to the President." <sup>21</sup> The initial focus of the interview was about Judge Brett Kavanaugh's prospects for confirmation to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States, but then Ms. Conway stated:

I think if you are a red-state Democrat right now, you are stuck choosing between this – heing complicit in a process that has been about delay and destruction and the will of your own people in your states. If you are one of those three Democratic senators who voted for Neil Gorsuch just over a short year ago – Senators Manchin, Heitkamp and Donnelly in Indiana – you've got to think about this. What has changed because your voters want a Supreme Court nominee to be confirmed. They don't want this obstruction. They don't like the socialist way the Democratic party is going.<sup>22</sup>

#### **Potential Violations**

#### The Hatch Act - 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-26

The Hatch Act prohibits any executive branch employee from "us[ing] his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election."<sup>23</sup> Activities covered by this prohibition include the official "[u]sing his or her official title while participating in political activity."<sup>24</sup> "Political activity" is defined as "an activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group."<sup>25</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Kelleyanne Conway Interview, Fox News, Oct. 3, 2018, 10:00 AM ET, available at https://www.voutube.com/watch?time\_continue=641&v=1A5IoSMuE-U.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Id.

<sup>21</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7323(a)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 5 C.F.R. § 734.302(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> 5 C.F.R. § 734.101.

#### OSC Guidance on Social Media

OSC has provided recent guidance on applying this prohibition to social media. <sup>26</sup> In its guidance, OSC set forth a rule prohibiting employees from using a "social media account designated for official purposes to post or share messages directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate in a partisan race, or partisan political group. All such official social media accounts should remain politically neutral." An example of prohibited conduct includes:

Example 1: While accessing the Twitter account you use for official purposes, you see that a political party tweeted its support for a candidate in a partisan race. You may not retweet or like that post from the account used for official purposes (or from your personal social media account if you are on duty or in the workplace). <sup>28</sup>

OSC has not provided a bright line rule regarding what constitutes an official Twitter account or when a personal social media account is being used for official purposes. However, OSC has outlined several factors that it will consider in determining that a personal social media account is "being used in ways to suggest it is an official social media account." Those factors include, for example:

(1) the account contains little to no personal content; (2) the account identifies the individual as a federal employee; (3) the account extensively uses photographs of the employee's official activities; (4) the account often references, retweets, likes, comments, or otherwise shares material related to official activities; or (5) the account is linked to an agency website or other official page. No one factor is dispositive.<sup>30</sup>

OSC guidance on "misusing personal social media accounts" also states that pursuant to the Hatch Act, federal employees from "may not engage in political activity on a personal social media account if they are using such accounts for official purposes or posting in their official capacities."<sup>31</sup> An example of prohibited conduct here includes:

Example 1: You are a federal employee and maintain only a personal Twitter account. While you have some personal posts about family vacations and events with friends, most of your posts are retweets of your agency's initiatives and photographs of you at official events. You may not use this account to make posts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Office of Special Counsel, <u>Hatch Act Guidance on Social Media</u>, revised Feb. 2018, available at http://bit.lv/2J60680.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> *Id*, at 7.

<sup>28</sup> Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> *Id.* at 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Id.

 $<sup>^{31}</sup>$  Id.

directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate in a partisan race, or partisan political group. <sup>32</sup>

This guidance is illuminated by OSC's September 28, 2017 response to a complaint filed by CREW regarding U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley.<sup>33</sup> OSC found that Ambassador Haley violated the Hatch Act when she "retweeted a political message from President Donald Trump via her @nikkihaley Twitter account." <sup>34</sup> OSC aeknowledged that Ambassador Haley's account was a personal Twitter account but explained that the account included significant "indicia of her official role." <sup>35</sup> These indicia included that Ambassador Haley did not have any other Twitter accounts, that her profile listed her official title, and that many of her posts and photographs were about and of official matters, among other factors. <sup>36</sup>

On February 27, 2018, Donald J. Trump announced his candidacy for re-election to the Office of President of the United States.<sup>37</sup> On March 5, 2018, OSC published a document entitled, "Updated Guidance Regarding the Hatch Act and President Donald Trump Now That He Is Officially a Candidate for Reelection." The document acknowledged that President Trump became a "candidate for partisan political office" as described in the Hatch Act in February when he publicly announced his candidacy. In addition to reminding federal employees regarding the specific prohibitions of the Hatch Act on political activity, the updated guidance offered additional clarification regarding the use of social media accounts. OSC's updated guidance stated that the Hatch Act's prohibition related to political activity "is broad and encompasses more than displays or communications (including in-person and via email or social media) that expressly advocate for or against President Trump's reelection." Notably, the OSC guidance included the following example:

[W]hile on duty or in the workplace, employees may not: wear, display, or distribute items with the slogan "Make America Great Again" or any other materials from President Trump's 2016 or 2020 campaigns; use hashtags such as

<sup>32</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Letter from Erica Hamrick, Office of Special Counsel to Noah Bookbinder, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, Sept. 28, 2017, available at <a href="https://s3.amazonaws.coin/storage.citizensforethics.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/03161101/DOC100217-10022017112049-1.pdf">https://s3.amazonaws.coin/storage.citizensforethics.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/03161101/DOC100217-10022017112049-1.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Id.

<sup>35</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Katie Rogers and Maggie Haberman, <u>Trump's 2020 Campaign Announcement Had a Very Trumpian Rollout</u>, *New York Times*, Feb. 27, 2018, *available at <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/27/us/politics/trump-2020-brad-parsgale.html.*</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Office of Special Counsel, <u>Updated Guidance Regarding the Hatch Act and President Donald Trump Now That He Is Officially a Candidate for Reelection</u>, Mar. 5, 2018, available at

https://osc.gov/Resources/Candidate%20Trump%20Hatch%20Act%20Guidance%203-5-2018.ndf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Id.

#MAGA or #ResistTrump in social media posts or other forums; or display non-official pictures of President Trump. 42

#### Kellyanne Conway's Prior Hatch Act Violations

On March 6, 2018, just one day after OSC's updated Hatch Act guidance was published, OSC concluded a previous Hatch Act investigation of Ms. Conway, finding that she violated the law in two television interviews and referring a report to the President for "appropriate disciplinary action." OSC described Ms. Conway's conduct in one of the interviews in this way:

Her intentional partisan jahs against Doug Jones were made in her official capacity and meant to persuade voters not to support him in the Alabama special election. By telling voters not to "be fooled" and contending that Doug Jones would be "terrible for property owners," Ms. Conway advocated for the failure of his candidacy. She also implied that voters should support Roy Moore, so the President could get the votes in the Senate needed to pass tax reform. Her advocacy against one candidate and implied endorsement of another candidate constituted political activity under the Hatch Act. 44

According to OSC's report, these violations occurred within weeks of each other and after Ms. Conway "received significant training on Hatch Act prohibitions." The White House defended Ms. Conway's conduct stating that she did not violate the Hatch Act, and no disciplinary action appears to have been taken in response to OSC's findings. On March 7, 2018, the White House counsel's office sent a memo to White House staff highlighting OSC's new Hatch Act guidance.

In its March 2018 report regarding Ms. Conway's previous Hatch Act violations, OSC acknowledged that the Hatch Act does not provide an exemption for executive branch employees speaking on behalf of a principal who is in fact exempt from the Hatch Act's restrictions, stating:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Office of Special Counsel, <u>OSC Concludes Hatch Act Investigation of Kellyanne Conway, Finds Two Violations, and Refers Findings to President for Appropriate Disciplinary Action, Mar. 6, 2018, available at <a href="https://osc.gov/News/pr-18-24.pdf">https://osc.gov/News/pr-18-24.pdf</a>.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Office of Special Counsel, Report of Prohibited Political Activity under the Hatch Act OSC File No. HA-18-0966 (Kellyanne Conway), Mar. 6, 2018, available at https://osc.gov/Resources/Conway%o20HA-18-0966%20Final%o20Report.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Office of Special Counsel, <u>OSC Concludes Hatch Act Investigation of Kellyanne Conway, Finds Two Violations</u>, and Refers Findings to President for Appropriate Disciplinary Action, Mar. 6, 2018, available at <a href="https://osc.gov/News/pr-18-24.pdf">https://osc.gov/News/pr-18-24.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Alexander Mallin, <u>Kellyanne Conway says she discussed Hatch Act violations with President Trump</u>, *ABC News*, Mar. 8, 2018, *available at https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/kellyanne-conway-discussed-hatch-gct-violations-president-trump/story?id=53609559.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Veronica Stracqualursi and Cristina Alesci, <u>Trump's legal team: No #MAGA at the White House</u>, CNN, Mar. 8, 2018, available at <a href="https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/08/politics/white-house-counsel-memo-hatch-act/index.html">https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/08/politics/white-house-counsel-memo-hatch-act/index.html</a>.

While the President is exempt from the Hatch Act, his exemption does not extend to any other employee, including those employed in the White House Office. OSC understands that [an employee's] job duties may include publicly reinforcing the Administration's positions on a host of policy issues. And the Hatch Act does not prohibit [an employee] from doing so, provided she carries out her job duties in a manner that complies with the law.<sup>48</sup>

#### Kellyanne Conway's Tweets Violated the Hatch Act

As an initial matter, Ms. Conway's @KellyannePolls Twitter account appears to be a social media account that she uses for official purposes or posting in her official capacity. As OSC's example of prohibited conduct provides, even if a federal employee maintains only a personal Twitter account, she cannot use that account to post tweets directed at the success or failure of a political party or candidate if that account includes tweets mostly about government initiatives and photographs of the employee at official events. While OSC has made clear that no one factor is dispositive in making this determination, Ms. Conway's @KellyannePolls Twitter account meets several of the identified criteria. Ms. Conway's account does include some personal content, but it appears that most of her posts since joining the Trump Administration have been related to or in support of her work promoting the Trump Administration's messaging. The account also lists her official position as a federal employee, "Counselor to the President" without any other description and the White House has referenced Ms. Conway's @KellyannePolls account to highlight her official work. In addition, Ms. Conway regularly uses the @KellyannePolls account to post photos and videos of her official activities including her various television interviews on hehalf of the White House. Ms. Conway also frequently uses the @KellyannePolls account to reference, retweet, like, comment, or otherwise share material related to official activities. In fact, more than 70% of her tweets in August and September 2018 related to official government business. As OSC decided in the Ambassador Haley matter, Ms. Conway's @KellyannePolls account includes significant indicia of her official role. Based on this confluence of factors, Ms. Conway's use of the @KellyannePolls account falls squarely within the purview of the Hatch Act, and Ms. Conway cannot use the account to make posts directed at the success or failure of a political party or candidate in a partisan race.

There is no doubt that Ms. Conway's use of the @KellyannePolls Twitter account to post messages and tweets critical of the Democratic Party and promoting RNC Chairwoman McDaniel's Twitter account constitute political activity under the Hatch Act. Ms. Conway's tweet of an article denigrating the Democratic Party as being "mocked" for using an incorrect photo just months prior to the midterm elections is aimed at the failure of a political party. Likewise, Ms. Conway's retweet of a message from RNC Chairwoman McDaniel's Twitter account countering DNC Chair Perez's tweet regarding leadership of women in their respective parties appears to be directed at the success of the Republican Party in the election at the expense of the Democratic Party. Ms. McDaniel's tweet was a retort aimed at Mr. Perez's post of a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Office of Special Counsel, Report of Prohibited Political Activity under the Hatch Act OSC File No. HA-18-0966 (Kellyanne Conway), Mar. 6, 2018.

video about Democratic women candidates in the 2018 elections. Ms. Conway's retweet occurred less than three months before the midterm elections referenced in the video.

Similarly, Ms. Conway's use of the @KellyannePolls Twitter account to post a tweet featuring an image of the Trump campaign slogan constitutes political activity. Both OSC and the White House have provided White House staff with legal guidance concluding that tweeting an image of President Trump's campaign slogan "Make America Great Again" is political activity under the Hatch Act. Although the image included with Ms. Conway's tweet came from the original source, rather than Ms. Conway herself, OSC has not identified any exception under the Hatch Act that allows for posting political images on a social media account if those images are not created by the poster. To the contrary, OSC found that Ambassador Haley violated the Hatch Act by retweeting a political message from President Trump. Creating such an exception would render useless much of OSC's guidance regarding Hatch Act compliance on social media. Furthermore, Ms. Conway easily could have retweeted the Gallup report that did not include the photograph with the slogan "Make America Great Again" rather than the Washington Examiner article that did include it. Accordingly, this conduct was directed at the success or failure of a political party or candidate in a partisan race.

#### Kellyanne Conway's Television Interview Violated the Hatch Act

Ms. Conway's October 3, 2018 appearance on Fox News is nearly identical to her earlier violations of the Hatch Act when OSC found her to have impermissibly engaged in political activity while participating in two media interviews in her official capacity from the White House grounds. 49 Ms. Conway stood for the October 3, 2018, interview in the same physical location as those of her prior violations – on the White House grounds with the White House in the background – and was periodically identified on the chyron at the bottom of the interview by her name and official title "Counselor to the President," as she was in the interviews that gave rise to the prior violations. To reinforce the location of her October 3 interview, the Fox News host stated that Ms. Conway was speaking "from the North Lawn" of the White House. There is no question Ms. Conway was using her official title, position, and authority while participating in the interview on government property.

As with the earlier incidents, Ms. Conway's October 3 interview initially focused on the official business of the White House – in this case about the prospect of Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation – but then veered into a discussion of her political views. By focusing the discussion on "red-state Democrats" and "three Democratic senators," and naming Joe Manchin, Heidi Heitkamp and Joe Donnelly, who are all Democratic Party candidates in the November midterm elections, Ms. Conway appeared to be intending to influence the outcome of this November's election. Ms. Conway also referred to their constituents as "voters" and expressed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> See Office of Special Counsel, Report of Prohibited Political Activity under the Hatch Act OSC File No. HA-18-0966 (Kellyanne Conway), Mar. 6, 2018.

Leigh Ann Caldwell, <u>Red State Democrats in tight spot over Kavanaugh confirmation</u>, <u>Reuters</u>, Sept. 3, 2018, available at <a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/red-state-democrats-tight-spot-over-kavanaugh-confirmation-n905551">https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/red-state-democrats-tight-spot-over-kavanaugh-confirmation-n905551</a>.

her view that these voters would not support "delay and destruction," "don't want obstruction," and "don't like the socialist way the Democratic party is going." Her partisan critiques against these three Senators were made in her official capacity and meant to persuade voters not to support them in the forthcoming midterms elections. By stating that voters "don't want obstruction" from these Senators and "don't like the socialist way" their party is going, Ms. Conway advocated for the failure of their candidacies. Her suggestion that voters should punish the three named Senate candidates at the polls if they fail to support the confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh were clearly intended to influence the outcome of the upcoming election. This conduct is reminiscent of one of her prior Hatch Act violations in which she encouraged voters to oppose a Democratic candidate who would vote against the tax bill that President Trump supported. Under these circumstances, this portion of Ms. Conway's interview is reasonably viewed as political activity that violates the Hatch Act.

By using the Twitter account she uses for official business to transmit the messages described above and by using her official title, position, and authority to express political views about candidates in partisan elections, Ms. Conway ran afoul of the Hatch Act, which requires her to remain politically neutral when engaging in official government conduct. These violations are even more egregious given the guidance provided by OSC and the White House in March, previous Hatch Act guidance provided specifically to Ms. Conway, and following her two prior Hatch Act violations in 2017. It seems clear that neither prior guidance by the White House Counsel's office nor prior admonition by OSC have deterred Ms. Conway from breaking the law.

#### Conclusion

The Hatch Act is intended to prevent federal employees from engaging in partisan political activity in their official capacity. The statute prohibits an employee from undertaking any activity directed toward the success or failure of a political candidate or a political party while using her official position. Based on the conduct at issue, which advocates the success or failure of a political party or and the election or defeat of a partisan political candidate, Ms. Conway appears to have violated the Hatch Act. OSC should commence an immediate investigation and take or recommend appropriate disciplinary action against Ms. Conway.

Sincerely,

Noah Bookbinder Executive Director



#### U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

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November 1, 2018

Noah Bookbinder 455 Massachusetts Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Bookbinder:

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel has received the Hatch Act complaint you filed. The case file number is HA-19-0631, and it has been assigned to Hatch Act Unit attorney Erica Hamrick, who can be reached at (202) 804 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sincerely,

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Program Assistant Hatch Act Unit (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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### Washington Headquarters Memorandum of Conversation

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OSC FILE NUMBER: HA-19-0631

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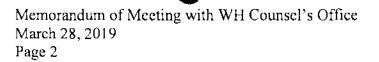
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#### **Conversation Summary**

Present from the WH Counsel's Office: Mike Purpura, Dan Epstein, Brian Miller, David Jones, Scott Gast

Present from OSC: Ana Galindo-Marrone, Erica Hamrick, Kelley Resendes, Jackie Yarbro

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REPORTED BY: Erica Hamrick

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Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO

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Hatch Act (Conway)

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Dear Scott,

Attached please find correspondence concerning Ms. Conway and her Twitter account.

Kind regards,

Ana

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April 9, 2019

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Deputy Counsel to the President
c/o Mr. Scott Gast
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Associate Counsel to the President

 $VIA\ EMAIL$  (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (who.eop.gov)

Re: OSC File No. HA-19-0631

Dear Mr. Purpura:

I am writing to thank you for meeting with us to continue our discussion of important Hatch Act matters. The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) is happy to assist your office's Hatch Act training efforts, and we are available to provide guidance to Ms. Kellyanne Conway and other similarly situated officials to refresh their knowledge of the Hatch Act's prohibitions.

While OSC looks forward to working with you proactively to achieve Hatch Act compliance as we move into the 2020 election season, I also write to address the substance of our meeting with you and your staff. We met most recently to discuss OSC's December 20, 2018 request that Ms. Conway cease using her personal Twitter account, "@KellyannePolls," in a way that mixes official business with political activity in violation of the Hatch Act. In response to our request that Ms. Conway come into compliance with the law, broadly speaking, your staff asserted the following: (1) OSC lacks the authority to provide guidance on how the Hatch Act applies to social media; (2) Ms. Conway is not using her Twitter account for official purposes; and (3) the remedies presented to Ms. Conway in our December 20, 2018 letter limit her right to free speech. We have carefully considered these arguments, and we respectfully disagree with your team's analysis for the following reasons.

As an initial point, OSC's authorizing statute makes clear that OSC has authority to issue advisory opinions on the Hatch Act. See 5 U.S.C. § 1212(f). At its core, the Hatch Act regulates the political speech of covered individuals without regard to the medium used. Social media, much like email twenty years ago, has become an omnipresent forum through which individuals engage in speech. Pursuant to our statutory authority, OSC issued guidance interpreting the Hatch Act's prohibitions in light of the new forums individuals use to communicate, including Twitter.

Next, your staff asserted that Ms. Conway does not use the Twitter account, "@KellyannePolls," for official purposes. They suggested that Ms. Conway has a personal rather than professional interest in many of the topics about which she posts and that, as a result, she simply shares with her family and friends information that happens to be related to her

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official duties. While the Hatch Act would not prohibit Ms. Conway from sharing her interests with family and friends on a personal account, OSC remains convinced that "@KellyannePolls" is not such an account. An extensive review of Ms. Conway's account shows that she shares articles and videos about interviews given in her official capacity, she retweets messages from official White House and Administration sources, and many of the news articles she posts mirror the Administration's talking points. While a few personal messages do appear on Ms. Conway's Twitter feed, the bulk of the posts are related to her official duties. And the remaining messages, which have increased in frequency over recent months, are political.

Your staff also asserted that the White House has not tasked Ms. Conway with being a spokesperson for the Administration. However, statements from the transition team and President Trump at the time she was appointed to her current position show otherwise. For example, the transition team stated that Ms. Conway would "work with senior leadership to effectively message and execute the Administration's legislative priorities and actions." Similarly, the President described her as "a tireless and tenacious advocate of my agenda ... [who] has amazing insights on how to effectively communicate our message...." And Ms. Conway herself admitted that she would support the President in "his effective connecting and communicating with America." Thus, it is no surprise that Ms. Conway's Twitter account is followed by about 2.6 million people. The bulk of those followers were amassed after it was publicly announced that Ms. Conway would serve as Counselor to the President. Indeed, her number of followers has quintupled from around 500,000 to 2.6 million since she assumed her official White House position.

Moreover, Ms. Conway regularly appears on cable news networks to discuss official matters like border security, the drug crisis, and the Administration's reaction to current events. It was during one of these appearances that she decisively confirmed her use of "@KellyannePolls" as a communication tool for official matters. As we shared with your team, two months after we wrote Ms. Conway to inform her that her use of "@KellyannePolls" violated the Hatch Act, Ms. Conway appeared on a national news network in her official capacity to discuss the President's upcoming State of the Union address, border security, and abortion and, in that same interview, directed viewers to "@KellyannePolls" for more official information. A Regardless of whether Ms. Conway was directed to use her Twitter account to communicate on behalf of the White House, a review of Ms. Conway's account and her own statements demonstrates that she is in fact using that account as a tool to execute her official duties.

Lastly, OSC does not seek to limit Ms. Conway's right to engage in political speech. We agree with your staff that the First Amendment vests individuals with a fundamental right to free

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Business Insider, Kellyanne Conway joins Trump administration as counselor to the president (December 22, 2016), <a href="https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-names-kellyanne-conway-counselor-to-the-president-2016-12">https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-names-kellyanne-conway-counselor-to-the-president-2016-12</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Politico, Trump creates competing power centers in his West Wing (December 22, 2016), <a href="https://www.politico.com/story/2016/12/kellyanne-conway-counselor-president-trump-232911">https://www.politico.com/story/2016/12/kellyanne-conway-counselor-president-trump-232911</a>.

<sup>3</sup> See id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fox News, Kellyanne Conway previews President Trump's 'uplifting' State of the Union address (February 5, 2019), https://video.foxnews.com/v/5998668431001/#sp=show-clips.

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speech, and we maintain that Ms. Conway may continue to post about topics that personally interest her and engage in political activity on "@KellyannePolls." But she must do so in a way that does not mix the official with the political. Your staff suggested that Ms. Conway could include a disclaimer on "@KellyannePolls." OSC is amenable to Ms. Conway including such a disclaimer on her personal account but only if she refrains from using it for official purposes and/or creates an account used solely for official matters.

For the foregoing reasons, OSC renews its initial request that Ms. Conway take corrective action with respect to her social media use as outlined in our December 2018 letter, and I ask that you inform me by April 22, 2019, what actions Ms. Conway will take to comply with the law. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 804 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Ana Galindo-Marrone Chief, Hatch Act Unit

# From: Hamrick, Erica Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 1:57 PM To: Wagner, Anne M. Subject: FW: OSC File No. HA-19-0631.pdf Attachments: Letter to HJK re OSC File No. HA-19-0631.pdf; ATT00001.htm Letter from WH re: Conway Begin forwarded message:

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### Hamrick, Erica

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Thursday, December 20, 2018 2:55 PM

To:

'Gast, Scott F. EOP/WHO'

Subject:

Letter for Kellyanne Conway

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Scott,

As we discussed last week, attached is a letter for Kellyanne Conway.

Erica

Erica S. Hamrick
Deputy Chief, Hatch Act Unit
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October 26, 2018 3 minute read

By: Kellyanne Conway

Counselor to the President

Imagine if a plane carrying nearly 200 passengers fell from the sky each day. Americans would demand answers—and action.

Drug overdoses now claim nearly 200 lives each day. That's more lives annually in the US than breast cancer, car accidents or gun violence. Another 2 million people currently suffer from an opioid use disorder.

The statistics are harrowing; the stories of loss heartbreaking. Yet in the year since President Donald J. Trump issued a nationwide call to action, and his administration declared a national public health emergency, our results and resolve offer some hope that the worst drug crisis in US history can be slowed, and eventually solved.

The results speak for themselves. Seizures of several kinds of illicit drugs are up, the number of new 30-day prescriptions is down and overdose deaths attributed to prescription pain medications have started to level.

Earlier this month, Congress passed H.R. 6, The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, the largest legislative effort in history to address a single drug crisis.



With the President's signature on Wednesday, the new law will expand access to evidence-based treatment, protect communities from illicit drugs, invest more in sustained recovery and workforce participation, continue to fight the stigma directed at people with addiction and raise public consciousness of the dangers of illicitly imported synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

This bill includes more money for infants born physically dependent on opioids and their parents. Assistance for children in foster care due to parental substance abuse is also included.

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But the bill isn't the only step to combat the crisis. The administration, through its collaborative "Opioids Cabinet," staff from Cabinet departments and agencies engaged in combating the opioid crisis, has focused on a whole-of-government approach that aims to treat the whole person.

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More people than ever are receiving evidence-based medication — assisted therapy for opioid addiction. One of these treatments, buprenorphine, has seen a 16% increase in new patients since President Trump took office.

And we are returning treatment decisions to the hands of trusted local experts on the front line. In September, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded \$930 million in grants to states to address the opioid crisis.

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The President lent his social media muscle and voice to what were record-breaking numbers of unwanted prescription drugs collected during the three National Prescription Drug Take-Back Days since he assumed office. In the span of 12 months, three take-back days netted 2.8 million pounds of pills — enough to fill more than 10 Boeing 757s.

Each of these initiatives are a promise kept to the American people by a candidate and President who vowed to help a weary, hurting heartland.

The opioid and drug crisis does not discriminate. It has seeped past socioeconomic, demographic, political and geographic boundaries to affect every area of the country. This is no longer someone else's kid, someone else's co-worker, someone else's community.

President Trump agrees: When someone is struggling with addiction, we don't ask them how they voted, we ask them how we can help.

Read the full story here.

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### REMARKS

# On-The-Record Press Call on the Youth Opioid Prevention Ad Campaign

· HEALTHCARE

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Via Teleconference

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FETALVO: Good morning everyone. Thank you for joining today's call on the Youth Opioid Prevention Ad Campaign. This campaign is a partnership between the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Truth Initiative, and the Ad Council. Today we are joined by Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President; Robin Koval, CEO and President of Truth Initiative; Lisa Sherman, President and CEO of the Ad Council; and Jim Carroll, Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

A question-and-answer portion will follow their opening remarks, but please keep your questions related to this topic. The entire call will be on the record, embargoed until the conclusion of the call.

And with that, I'll turn it over to Kellyanne Conway.

CONWAY: Thank you very much, Ninio, and good morning everyone. We all appreciate your commitment to and interest in this topic.

Since day one of his administration, President Trump has made combatting the drug demand and drug supply, and the roiling opioid crisis a focal point of his administration's efforts. Since that time, we have designed a whole-of-government approach that has spanned about a dozen or more Cabinet agencies and departments. It's also a whole-of-government approach that spans across the country, into our state and local communities, elected officials, law enforcement agents, health professionals, and others in the circle of family, friends, and caregivers that could possibly be points of inspiration and education to our youth.

Today is a very exciting day here at the White House because our partnership with the Truth Initiative and the Ad Council has led us, after seven or eight months, to introducing four ads to the country. The first was shown this morning on the Today Show, along with interviews by our Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams; Robin Koval, who you'll hear from in a moment, the CEO of Truth Initiative. And this is our first step in publicly engaging with youth 18 to 24 years old, and the halo audiences, so that we're going to 15 to 34 years old overall, to raise awareness to incite action and literally to save lives.

America loses 174 of our fellow men and women each day to drug and overdose deaths; 115 of them from opioid overdose alone. In 2016, opioid overdoses were responsible for killing more Americans than vehicles crashes, gun violence, or breast cancer. For the second consecutive year, we've had a reduction in life expectancy, owing in large part to the drug overdose deaths.

This is why this White House calls this the "crisis next door." And we also have a website called "Crisis Next Door," where Americans are uploading and sharing their own stories.

The breadth and scale of the human cost of the opioid crisis is represented in the President's approach to combatting the epidemic, as explained in his policy rollout in New Hampshire on March 19th. This includes reducing drugs and (inaudible) education awareness, and preventing overprescribing; cutting off the flow of illicit drugs across our borders and within our communities and our mail; and saving lives by expanding access to evidence-based treatment.

Last October, the President declared the opioid crisis a nationwide public health emergency through his Health and Human Services Acting Secretary, and, on March 19th, rolled out these policies. In the five months between those two major presidential actions, many pages' worth of action have been taken across the administration to combat the crisis, and we're starting to bend the curve in a more positive direction.

We did not get here overnight, and we won't get out of here overnight. So we're very pleased with efforts like the historic collection on Take-Back Day — over 943,000 pounds of pills collected by the

DEA at the end of April.

There are many, many facets to the opioid crisis, all requiring varied and unique solutions. One solution that President Trump is very passionate about and committed to, and that was put forward by the commission report last December, is preventing new misuse and new addiction by raising awareness. And that brings us to this awareness campaign.

As I said, the target audience are adults of 18 to 24. Our goal is to show young Americans the dangers of misusing opioids, and how quickly one can become addicted to opioids — as short as five days. Also, the extreme lengths that one can go to feed this addiction.

Prevention is a critical component. And as the evidence shows, a significant percentage of youth and young adults have the potential to develop serious addiction to opioids following legal prescription for dental work, surgery, and other injuries.

But people are also misusing other people's legal prescriptions. This is often gateway for use of illicit drugs as well, and fentanyl-laced drugs unbeknownst to the person who is ingesting them which is why it's important for the Office of National Drug Control Policy at the White House to partner with the best and the brightest to ensure the campaign not only reaches the target audience, but is successful in changing attitudes and shaping behavior.

With this target audience, we know truth has a long-established track record and a strong winning record of success, but also a trust relationship with youth in changing perceptions on public health issues and also the capability to develop a data-driven awareness campaign.

As Robin will say in a moment, this partnership has been an excellent exercise in what can be done, particularly when we approach public health issues as nonpartisan issues looking for nonpartisan messages and bipartisan solutions.

The Ad Council has a 75-year history of winning public service campaigns such as Smokey the Bear, Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk, and a Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste.

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After testing 150 different messages, we are all excited to launch four hyper-realistic ads that show true stories — not fictionalized and not embellished — true stories of four young adults who took extreme measures to get more prescription pills in order to feed their addiction. Ewant to personally commend those four young adults for coming forward and being willing to share their stories so others may learn.

The goal is for other young adults to see these ads and ask themselves how they can prevent their lives and others' lives from going down a similar path. We hope these ads will spark conversation to educate teens and young adults to talk to their doctors about alternatives to opioids; that pain management may not always mean extended pain medication use; safe disposal practices for leftover, unused prescription; and also, to arm them with specific yet very simple knowledge about opioids.

The President and the First Lady and the administration remain very committed to increasing awareness and hoping to save lives.

I will now turn the call over to two women who personally and through their organization have been tremendous partners to the White House in this effort.

Robin Koval is the CEO and President of Truth Initiative. She will go over the details about the data research and other methodologies behind this campaign. Thank you.

Robin?

KOVAL: Thank you, Kellyanne, and also to Jim and Lisa here. And good morning everyone.

As you heard, I'm Robin Koval. I'm CEO of Truth Initiative. Since 2000, the Truth Initiative on — youth anti-tobacco campaign has prevented over 1 million young people from smoking. And now we are very proud to join with ONDCP, the White House, and the Ad Council to fight the opioid epidemic that is ravaging so many young lives.

This effort, named "The Truth About Opioids" is based on rigorous research and seeks to fill the vast knowledge gap that exists between the risk of opioid misuse; how easily one can become addicted; and enlists young people to play a role by calling on them to know the truth and spread the truth.

What you're seeing today is the first chapter of a multi-phased campaign that will unfold over time and with along all the media that young adults consume. And it begins with three powerful words: "a true story." And goes on to share the brave and honest accounts of everyday young people whose experimentation, sharing pills with a friend, and even prescribed use quickly turned into something they never imagined would happen to them until it did — the stories they wanted to share to prevent other young lives from being derailed. Brave people.

Our partnership represents a shared mission to educate and empower young people with the facts, invite them to learn more, to share with their peers to build awareness about risk, to change attitudes towards misuse, and destignatize the disease of addiction in their communities.

We-hope this effort inspires others to get involved and lend their expertise to help and end this devastating epidemic for good. Thank you.

SHERMAN: Good morning everyone. I'm Lisa Sherman, the CEO of the Ad Council, and I too want to thank Kellyanne and Robin and Jim.

The Ad Council is thrilled to join the White House, ONDCP, and the Truth Initiative to launch this truly breakthrough campaign. The Ad Council has been using the power of communications to address our country's most pressing social issues and health crises for over seven decades. We leveraged the talent and resources from our industries, including marketing, media, tech, and creative partners to create fundamental cultural change. Our work changes attitudes and behaviors, and ultimately saves lives.

Given the magnitude of the opioid epidemic and the role that we know communications can play, there was no question that the Ad Council would get involved.

This campaign includes a powerful coalition of partners, all with invaluable experience, reaching young people and changing their behavior. We are so grateful for the extraordinary commitments of donated media support that we've secured from our partners at Facebook, Google, YouTube, NBCU, Turner, Amazon, and VICE.

Their commitments will allow us to engage millions of young people with the right messages, in the right place and at the right time.

Thank you to the White House and ONDCP for taking a stand on this national public health crisis and to all of our partners who have given so much to this effort. We have no doubt that this campaign will save lives.

CARROLL: Good morning, this is Jim Carroll. I'm the Deputy Director of ONDCP, and I'm honored to be the President's nominee to be the Director of ONDCP.

The stories you will see in these ads sadly are not unique. Each one is an example of similar stories that are playing out all across this country. Even though this truly is the "crisis next door," it can be hard to put a face to the opioid crisis because it alone claimed 42,000 lives — 42,000 victims — in 2016 alone. This campaign aims to change that.

I meet a lot of parents who have lost children to opioids, and a common thread is what went through all the stories they tell me: "I didn't know." The victims of opioid addiction — those we've lost and the family members they've left behind — did not know what they were up against. They didn't know that the pills their doctor prescribed could be addictive. They didn't know that the opioid pills they bought on the street, after becoming addicted, could be counterfeit pills made with fentanyl. They didn't know that the overwhelming majority of new heroin users misused prescription opioids first, and they didn't know where to turn when they needed help.

This new public education campaign is designed to close that knowledge gap so we can turn the tide on this crisis and save lives. Every American needs to know the truth about opioids so we can spread the truth.

I want to thank Kellyanne, Robin from the Truth Initiative, and Lisa from the Ad Council, for all of their hard work on this media campaign. And I want to thank all of you for joining us this morning.

Q Hey, thanks for doing the call. I just want to know — I know the CDC had an Rx Awareness campaign already. Can you just tell me how these ads are different or depart from that campaign, which also feature some scared-straight-type personal stories? Thank you.

CONWAY: Thank you very much for asking the question. Are you talking about the Rx Awareness campaign performed by the CDC?

Q Yes.

CONWAY: Yes. So that one was mostly geared towards providers — prescribers. And the CDC report said that it was very successful in basic education for prescribers. I will tell you, when the commission first started last March of 2017, Governor Christie would convene phone calls with governors and lieutenant governors, state health commissioners, and some of them have different titles in the different states. And I would join them on the call, and the two most common things that we heard in terms of actions that could be taken almost immediately were, number one, in no particular — number one, making sure that those who are in a position to prescribe prescription opioids have the proper training.

And in a place like Massachusetts, Governor Charlie Baker has been on the forefront of this, for example, where you would be surprised, over the years, how many medical school curricula lacked a course in protocols for prescribing. And so there's been a huge push by CDC and others to make sure that that happens across the medical field.

I think the response to that has been tremendous insofar as you have a conjuncture, you have pharma itself, and you certainly have a number of state legislatures working with their governors to reduce the first prescriptions from 30 days to a smaller amount, usually 7 days, sometimes 5.

Smaller packages of pills. So the CDC mainly aimed — their Rx Awareness campaign (inaudible) — there's certainly — there's a public component to it as well, so people understand what their rights and responsibilities are with the prescription of 30 days.

So this is different in many ways. This goes right to the public. And because of the Truth Initiative track record and relationship with youth in this age — 18- to 24-year-olds — along with this halo audience — so let's say 15 to 30, or 15 to 34 — we are communicating directly with the public in a way that will really sharpen the mind to see what is happening with individuals across this country, the extreme lengths to which they will go to, instead of coming forward and — losing that stigma, coming forward, and asking for help — they're going to extreme lengths to feed the addiction and the misuse.

### Robin? Lisa?

SHERMAN: I would only add that, given the Truth's track record in reaching this audience, and the power of the media partners that we've brought together, who reach millions of people every day, between Facebook, Google, YouTube, NBCU, we have every confidence that we will be delivering the right message to the right audience at the right time.

KOVAL: Yeah. And I'll just say — I mean, this is a very targeted effort that has gone through quite a bit of pre-qualifications thusfar. So we know that these messages — and we've tested over 150 different message possibilities, and pretested all of the advertising and the executions themselves — we know that these messages are motivating to young people. We've evaluated them over a few different criteria.

One, does it decrease intentions to misuse? That's a very important one we're measuring. Two, does it impact willingness to share with someone else? Does it increase risk perceptions? Also very important. And then, because we know the power of these ads is greatly impacted, not just by what we say, but how they are used by people in peer-to-peer communications; do these ads compel you to want to learn more — as we say, "Know the truth, spread the truth" — and do they compel you to want to share them in your peer network, which is so important. What we say matters a lot, but what matters even more is what one young person says to another young person. And that's what we've been actually doing all the hard work evaluating, and we feel very confident these ads do that.

CONWAY: It's Kellyanne. I want to just add a very quick point about the CDC. The new Director, Dr. Robert Redfield is on board with this ad campaign, as well. I've been in Atlanta meeting with him, and he is very excited, enthusiastic, and supportive of this. And I would say his background, his contributions to clinical research during the HIV infection/AIDS in the 1980s is well noted. And he will bring to bear a number of different — he and his colleagues will bring to bear a number of different positive impacts to this overall effort. But his past experience in that field bodes very well for this particular iteration.

Q Hey. Two questions. First of all, was that Lisa who was just talking about the message testing or was that Robin?

KOVAL: That was me, Robin.

Q Robin. Okay, thanks. And then my other question is, can you tell us more about the funding for this ad campaign? Theard something about maybe some of it coming from the ONDCP's media budget. But how much is it costing? Where is the money coming from?

SHERMAN: Hi, this is Lisa. I will first say that all of the media that we're securing, which will be significant, has been donated by all of our media and tech partners. And ONDCP has funded a very

small amount of money to support some of the other hard costs of the campaign.

Q Can you tell us how much?

CARROLL: This is Jim Carroll, from ONDCP. Thankfully, with great partners like Robin and Lisa, it's actually very few government dollars had to be spent on this. What they have been able to do, in terms of getting the messaging out, has been phenomenal.

As Kellyanne has spoken about, the President — it was very critical for the President to get the message out there, and he has been able to sort of help along the way to make sure that we get the message out in the most effective way possible and also very efficiently.

Q Is any of it coming from the \$10 million, though, appropriated in the omnibus bill for some of these related efforts?

CARROLL: This campaign has not needed those funds. Obviously, those funds are important to the administration to be used, and it certainly will be part of our ongoing efforts. This one was strictly funded by ONDCP. But as I said, it's really thanks to the great efforts of the Truth Initiative and the Ad Council.

Q Yeah. Can you put a number on it, though? How much is coming out of your budget?

CARROLL: I don't have a specific number. I'm sorry.

KOVAL: I'll just say this — Robin, from Truth Initiative — along with all of the donation of media from our great media partners, as Lisa said, we are donating all of the work that it has taken to produce, to create it. And we'll continue to do that, as well as what will be a pretty rigorous evaluation — not only the evaluation and research that went into developing the work, but also the post-evaluation that we need to make sure that this work is actually having the impact we want it to.

And I'll also say that we felt very strongly, and I think our media partners also feel very strongly, that public education, youth prevention is a very important part of what we need to do to solve this crisis, but it is a small part of all the other very, very important work that needs to be done. And I will speak for my organization: We felt very strongly that, because we had the ability to donate this,

we want other funds to go to those very, very urgent matters of prevention, of rescue, of recovery, which are the things that are happening on the ground, right now, every day.

Q Piggybacking off what Sarah asked, I'm curious how often we're going to see these ads, whether they will air in primetime, and whether they're targeted at all to the hardest-hit areas of our country.

SHERMAN: So this is Lisa. I'll take that one. In working with this broad group of really powerhouse media partners and tech partners, they will each be developing specific media strategies and plans to ensure that these messages are reaching the audience in the right way and at the right time. I think that will look different for each of the media outlets.

We know that our technology partners at Facebook, YouTube, and Google have the ability to really finely target those messages. Our partner at VICE, that's their primary audience that they speak to every single day. And across the portfolio of NBCUniversal, based on the network, the channel, the programming, I think they'll be making some choices that they think will best meet our goal to reach this audience.

CARROLL: This is Jim. I just want to echo that. I mean, they really want to partner with us. They want this to be effective. And so they are intentionally working to make sure that the message gets to those who need it the most. This is not a push from us forcing them to do this; they want to be at the table. They want to help us.

Q Historically, one of the reasons that campaigns have paid for ad time, though, is that donated time tends to come at non-prime hours, and there's a desire to reach the biggest audience possible. Is there a commitment to — that these donations will be in primetime? And how long is this campaign envisioned for? Many have suggested you need these on-air campaigns to last at least three years to be effective.

SHERMAN: So I'll jump back in. This is Lisa. I think a couple of points. Number one, these are all pre-commitments from all of these companies who, as Jim said, are absolutely invested in helping to solve this problem. So they will be sure that the ads are seen at the right place, in front of the right audience.

But Falso think that, you know, so much has changed over the years, and young people are consuming so much of their media across digital and social platforms. And I think that we have the right partners in place that will allow us to reach that audience the way they are consuming media today.

Q Thanks. I thought I'd just give it another shot. You know, when we're evaluating how political ads penetrate the marketplace, it's very helpful to have an actual number amount or a range. Can you tell us — I mean, is this a \$5 million ad buy total? Is it a range? It's just difficult for us to evaluate how effective these ads are going to be if we don't really have a dollar figure attached to it.

CONWAY: This is Kellyanne. Just very quickly, Ken. Thanks for your interest in the topic. I would say, again, that digital platforms are very effective in reaching target audiences, and people are on their technology at all times in addition to having the donating media primetime or other times of the day.

But I'm going to let Lisa weigh in. I mean, we know from past practices — you and I watched a presidential campaign together very closely. We did 50 percent broadcast, 50 percent digital. And it was effective because you have to go where people live. So I'll let Lisa tell you about the Ad Council's past experiences.

SHERMAN: So a typical Ad Council campaign garners about \$30 million a year for each of the campaigns that we support. And we support campaigns for many years until the issue is solved. I suspect, given the pre-commitments and the passion from our partners around this issue, we will see \$30 million and then some.

Q Hi. I guess I kind of have a follow-up to that. First, the President donated a part of his fourthquarter salary to this particular cause. So I wanted to know if that is, in fact, going to be spent on this.

Also, I was curious as to the target audience here being young people. Although young people have been affected by the opioid crisis, most overdose deaths are in higher age groups, mostly 25 to 34, and then closely followed then by people in middle age. Can you describe why you decided to target young people in these ads?

KOVAL: So this is Robin. It's a very wide-ranging group of people that are impacted by this crisis. We chose to focus on the group that we know who are — experience a truth. It's an audience that trusts us, that we have relevance with, credibility, and where we can create impact.

And the fact is that the greatest amounts of misuse are happening among 18- to 24-year-olds. Almost 6 million young people a year get prescribed opioids. They are initiated into this. And we know that most long-term heroin addiction starts among young people through a first experience with opioids. So that is what we're focusing on here because there is great need.

We are looking at this as a prevention and education campaign. There are many, many facets to how this problem will be solved, but one certainly is to stop filling the funnel from the top. And that is what this campaign is very, very specifically targeted to do.

Q Can someone address the \$100,000 that was donated?

CONWAY: Hi. It's Kellyanne. That was donated from the President to HHS. And I've not heard of a penny of that is going to this particular effort.

But I know the President donated his salary in the fourth quarter after the First Lady visited Lily's Place, and was very impressed with what outside organizations can do in that case to help keep together newborns who struggle to take their first breath because they're already dependent on a chemical — sometimes opioids, sometimes meth or heroin — and what they can do by keeping the mother with her baby. It's good for the mother, and it certainly is great for the baby.

And so after having had that experience and having declared the public health emergency through HHS, the President donated his salary to HHS.

I would refer that question also to HHS, but no one around this table has heard that is the purpose for that particular money.

Q Okay. Because I believe when it was announced, that that was the purpose that was provided during the press conference at the White House.

CONWAY: What was?

Q That they had said the \$100,000 would go towards creating the ad campaign.

CARROLL: This is Jim from ONDCP. This is — what we're talking about today is the first wave of coming out. The President is deeply committed to this by putting forth that money to this campaign, generally speaking. But this is — as Kellyanne talked about, this is not a one and done with one ad that's being shown today and then finished. This will be an ongoing campaign. And so obviously, we will make certain that the President's message is delivered to everyone.

CONWAY: We're pulling that up, because if that was said, I don't recall. And I would just say that HHS has about 80,000 employees and I believe a \$1.2 trillion budget. So if they're going to get involved in supporting financially any type of ad campaign, the resources are there from different departments.

But I think the reasons (inaudible) — in fact, the reason the President donated his salary, as he does every quarter, is because he's very committed to this issue. And the most good that will come of this is if people like the President and the First Lady and the administration and others — our partners here at the table — elevate and amplify, and if the media connects Americans with news they can use, the information that will actually be helpful to them in raising awareness.

I'm shocked that so many Americans still suffer from what I call, "information underload" when it comes to fentanyl. It was responsible for nearly 20,000 deaths since 2016, and we're just not having a conversation. So when the President donates the money, the money is meant to help overall. But it's also meant to help raise awareness and continue to have these conversations. And if that stems from the White House briefing room, I think it's very helpful.

I'm reading this now. I'm pulling it up. Let's see. But it's — Mr. Hargan was the acting secretary who was there. I'll read this to everybody. He said, quote, "It's a tribute" — Acting HHS Secretary Eric D. Hargan said Mr. Trump's (inaudible) donation of \$100,000 is a, quote, "tribute to his compassion, his patriotism, and his sense of duty to the American people. But it's his compassion above all that drives his interest in the issue to which HHS is going to devote his donation to America's devastating opioid crisis."

I'm looking here. I don't see anything mentioned for the ad, but I'd have to look.

Let's see: "Trump's money will be used on a large-scale public awareness campaign about the

dangers of opioid addiction." Well, that's true. That doesn't necessarily means ads, though. I mean, all of us go around the country, including the First Lady, the President, the Surgeon General. There are many different ways that we are leveraging considerable resources of time, talent, and money to bring awareness to this issue.

And again, you'd have to ask HHS how they have or plan to spend that particular \$100,000 allotment. But it's a great question. Insofar as public awareness, it includes advertising but it includes so many more different ways to engage the public. And HHS and others are already fulling doing that.

Q Hi, good morning. Thank you for taking the call. I have one question kind of phrased three different ways, which is just: What gaps remain in the response to the opioid crisis? What work still needs to be done? And what frustrations do you still have?

CARROLL: This is Jim Carroll from ONDCP. Thank you for the question. This is part of the President's — when you look at the opioid initiative that the President put forth, it really is three different components. What we're talking about today is the prevention and education part, where the President has said to get the message out to those who need to hear it.

Obviously, what's also important is the interdiction and stopping the flow of drugs coming across our borders, into the country. And then, finally, the President has embraced the compassion that we need for those who are seeking recovery and treatment. And so those are the different nodes of this epidemic that we will all embrace together, these three different sections. And so that is part of it.

In terms of the frustration, I think I would go back to what Kellyanne just mentioned about the information underload in terms of getting the message out to those people who are tempted and don't understand what they're actually facing; parents who don't recognize what their children are going through; and prescribers, to make sure that they have the training in place to understand.

And so getting the message out through a campaign like that helps to ease the burden placed on families and victims of this crisis, but we'll continue to work on all the aspects of this epidemic.

FETALVO: Thank you, everyone. The embargo has now lifted. If you would like a copy of the factsheet, please email me at Ninio.J.Fetalvo@who.eop.gov. Please email me if you have any follow-up questions. Thank you, and have a great day.

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### STATEMENTS & RELEASES

# Second Lady Karen Pence, Administration Officials Visit Indiana Business with Innovative Program to address Opioid Addiction in Workplace

### - HEALTHCARE

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Today, during Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week, Second Lady Karen Pence visited Belden, Inc. in Richmond, Indiana. Accompanied by Alexander Acosta, Secretary of the US Department of Labor, Dr. Jerome Adams, US Surgeon General, and Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to President Donald J. Trump, the Trump Administration highlighted how Belden's Pathways to Employment program is an example of a new, innovative way to create a community-based

During the visit, the Second Lady and Administration officials received a briefing on the Pathway to Recovery program, toured the plant with company executives, and delivered remarks to Belden employees.

solution to address the challenge drug addiction is having on their business and community.

Belden is providing a treatment program for current and prospective employees that includes the promise of employment to those committed to recovery. Belden's Pathway to Recovery program is thought to be the first of its kind in the U.S. The program is unique because Belden pays for both current and prospective employees to undergo drug rehabilitation with the promise of employment for workers willing to lead drug-free lives. The program helps to address two key challenges for the country: the impacts of drug addiction and the lack of skilled workers to fill many job openings.

Belden is a global technology company focused on providing solutions for the reliable and secure transmission of data, audio, and video that meet the ever-expanding needs of today's commercial and domestic consumers across the globe. The company has been manufacturing in Richmond, Indiana, since 1928, and employs more than 700 people. Belden also has a distribution center and corporate office in the Richmond area, making the company the second largest employer in Wayne County.

Since day one, the Trump Administration has worked to strengthen the public health and safety response to the opioid crisis. In March, the President announced his plan to address the epidemic by reducing drug demand, cutting off the flow of illicit drugs, expanding access to overdose prevention and evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder, and conducting research to improve prevention and treatment in the future. This interagency effort is providing targeted funding to States and communities to help people in need. Additionally, in February, the Administration secured \$6 billion in new funding for combating the opioid epidemic.

The Administration is also working daily to remove the harmful stigma and misconceptions surrounding both prescription and illicit opioid abuse. Through platforms such as The Crisis Next Door, which the White House launched earlier this year, we are building a dialogue that has the potential to save thousands of lives.

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# A Raw, Unfiltered Look at the 'Crisis Next Door'

June 8, 2018 4 minute read

"I thought I had it under control. I didn't know it would be this addictive," Kyle said. "I didn't know how far I'd go to get more."

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# Kyle's Story

Kyle is a young man from Dallas, Texas. His story is one of four videos unveiled by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Ad Council, and the Truth Initiative as part of a joint public awareness campaign on opioid addiction.

This set of ads, which will be the first of many from the White House, is focused on preventing young adults, ages 18-24, from misusing or abusing opioids.

They "tell the graphic stories of four young adults going to extreme lengths to maintain their prescription opioid addiction," Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement. Highly addictive drugs can have this effect on people, particularly the young. According to the Truth Initiative, opioid addiction can take hold in someone in as little as five days.

Kyle's story may seem extreme, but his struggle resembles that of millions of people who are suffering from opioid addiction in the United States. In 2016 alone, 63,632 Americans died of a drug overdose, and surveys indicate that today more than 2 million Americans suffer from misuse of prescription or illicit opioids.

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**Even more alarming is the increased risk among young adults** and teens aged 15 to 24. Among members of this demographic, a staggering *three-quarters* of drug-related overdoses were opioid-related.

From day one in office, President Donald J. Trump has made combatting drug abuse and the opioid crisis a focal point of his Administration. In 2016, opioid misuse took the lives of 116 Americans each day—more than vehicle crashes, gun violence, or breast cancer.

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On October 26, 2017, President Trump directed the Department of Health and Human Services to declare the opioid crisis a nationwide Public Health Emergency, shining new light on the epidemic. A few months later, in March, the President unveiled his Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and Reduce Drug Supply and Demand, putting in place a concrete plan to fight the epidemic.

That initiative has three key components. Together, they address the driving forces of the opioid crisis in America:

- Reduce demand and over-prescription, educating Americans about the dangers of opioids and other drugs while seeking to curb over-prescription.
- 2. Cut off the supply of illicit drugs by cracking down on the international and domestic illicit drug supply chains devastating American communities.
- **3. Help those struggling with addiction** through evidence-based treatment and recovery support services.

"There are many, many facets to the opioid crisis, all requiring varied and unique solutions," said Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, who is leading the White House's opioids effort. One



solution President Trump is particularly excited about, she said, is preventing misuse and addiction by raising awareness.

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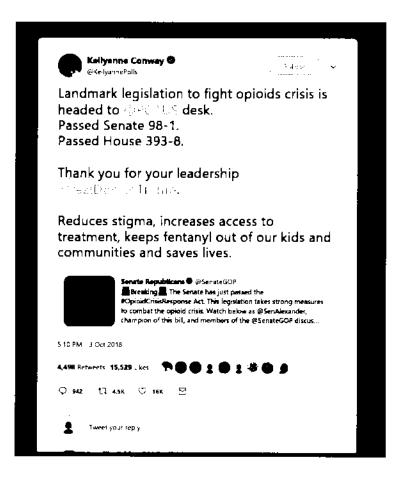
This campaign is an important first step, Conway explains. "This partnership has been an excellent exercise in what can be done, particularly when we approach public health issues as nonpartisan issues looking for nonpartisan messages and bipartisan solutions."

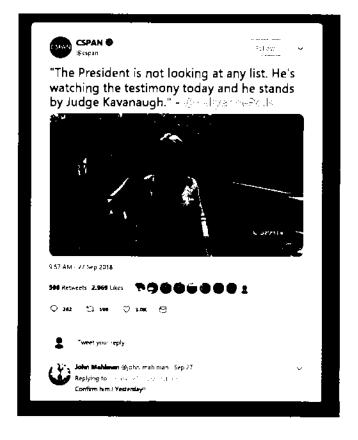
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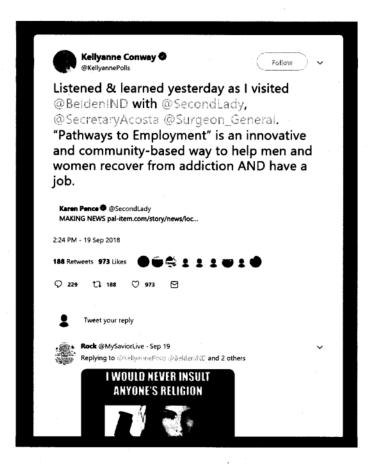
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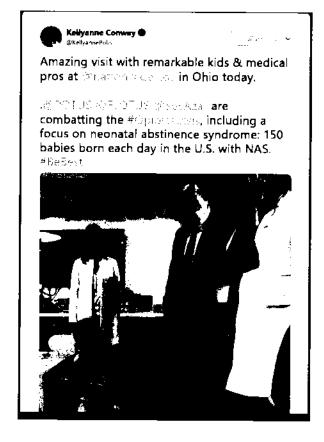
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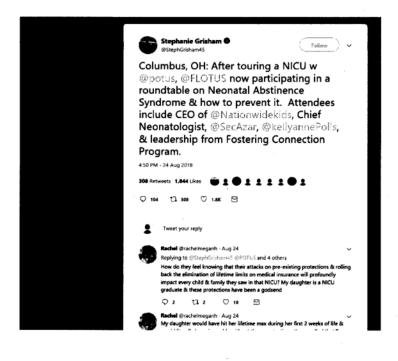
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Secretary Alex Azar @ @SecAzar

Each life saved from addiction is an important victory. And while the opioid epidemic still rages, we are now seeing signs of national progress. As @POTUS has declared, "failure is not an option, and addiction is not our







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# Kellyanne Conway removes White House title from Twitter bio

by Diana Stancy Correll | October 30, 2018 05:14 PM | Updated Oct 30, 2018, 06:36 PM

Counselor to the president Kellyanne Conway has removed her White House title from her Twitter bio, leaving her profile blank.

It's uncertain why the title was removed from Conway's account, and the White House declined to comment on the record to the Washington Examiner. In a Fox News appearance later Tuesday evening, Conway was introduced by anchor Bret Baier as "counselor to the president," her usual job title.

Earlier this month, the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington filed a complaint with the Office of Special Counsel for potential violations of the Hatch Act, which prohibits federal employees from using their office to campaign for or against political candidates.

As a result, CREW requested the Office of Special Counsel investigate whether Conway violated the Hatch Act by using her official government Twitter account "to promote the Republican Party and to post an image of President Trump's campaign slogan 'Make America Great Again.'"

The group is also interested if comments made during a Fox News interview about how voters for "red-state Democrats" are not in favor of the "socialist way the Democratic party is going" violated the Hatch Act.

"By sharing these posts on a Twitter account that Ms. Conway uses for official government business and giving a television interview from the grounds of the White House that mixed official government business with political views about partisan candidates only weeks before their elections, she engaged in political activity prohibited by law," the complaint reads.

Donald Sherman, deputy director for CREW, said he wasn't certain if there is a correlation between Conway removing her title and the complaint, but said the move was a small "positive step." He did acknowledge that omitting her title "doesn't solve



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The Office of Special Counsel determined in March that Conway violated the Hatch Act on two occasions. The president generally oversees Hatch Act violations, which can result in punishments such as an official reprimand, a civil penalty of up to \$1,000, or other punishments.

Sherman noted that the White House came to the defense of Conway for her past Hatch Act violations. The White House said in a statement at the time that "Conway did not advocate for or against the election of any particular candidate."

"It seems clear from those statements that there has not been any accountability," Sherman said.

[Also read: George Conway disagrees with wife, believes Trump's proposal to end birthright citizenship is 'unconstitutional']



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December 20, 2018

Ms. Kellyanne Conway
Counselor to the President
c/o Mr. Scott Gast
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Associate Counsel to the President

VIA EMAIL: (b)(6); (a)who.eop.gov

Re: OSC File No. HA-19-0631

Dear Ms. Conway:

This letter is in response to a complaint the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) received alleging that you violated the Hatch Act when you engaged in political activity on your "@KellyannePolls" Twitter account. As explained in detail below, OSC has concluded that you violated the Hatch Act and that you must take corrective action with respect to your social media use in order to come into compliance with the law.

The Hatch Act restricts certain political activities of federal executive branch employees, except for the President and the Vice President. Accordingly, as Counselor to President Donald J. Trump, you are covered by the Hatch Act and prohibited from, among other things, using your official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election. For example, under this provision, you may not use your official title while engaging in political activity or your official position to advance or oppose candidates for partisan office. Political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, partisan political group, or candidate for partisan political office.

With respect to social media, OSC has advised that employees may not engage in political activity on a personal social media account if they are using that account for official purposes or posting in their official capacities. OSC has opined that factors indicating a personal social media account is being used in ways that suggest it is an official social media account include, for example: (1) the account contains little to no personal content; (2) the account identifies the individual as a federal employee; (3) the account extensively uses photographs of the employee's official activities; (4) the account often references, retweets, likes, comments, or otherwise shares

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-7326.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id. § 7323(a)(1),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 5 C.F.R. § 734.101.

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material related to official activities; or (5) the account is linked to an agency website or other official page. No one factor is dispositive.<sup>4</sup>

At issue is your "@KellyannePolls" Twitter account, which OSC understands you have had since January 2012 and is the only Twitter account you use. OSC thoroughly reviewed the posts on "@KellyannePolls" and found little content that would be considered personal. The majority of your posts are about official Administration actions, policies, and priorities. In fact, you regularly post about the White House's efforts in combatting the opioid crisis, which is directly related to your role in leading those efforts. You also often retweet the official posts of other Administration officials and videos of yourself doing media interviews in your official capacity. Mixed with these official posts are retweets of stories about, or comments on, current news and events. But again, there are little to no personal posts. And the official White House Twitter account, which follows only 12 accounts total, follows "@KellyannePolls." The other 11 accounts it follows are all official.

Until late October 2018, your official title, Counselor to the President, also appeared on your Twitter account, which is further evidence that you use this account in your official capacity. OSC recognizes that you have since removed that title,<sup>6</sup> but all the other indicia of your official role remain. Indeed, the way in which you use "@KellyannePolls" furthers your job as Counselor to the President to effectively message and execute the Administration's legislative priorities and actions. Accordingly, applying the factors outlined above, OSC has concluded that you currently are using this account for official purposes and, as such, may not engage in political activity on it.

The complaint OSC received alleged that you engaged in political activity on your "@KellyannePolls" account. Specifically, on or ahout August 16, 2018, you retweeted a message from the Republican National Committee Chairwoman, which read, "A woman is actually leading the Republican Party," and was in response to a post from the Democratic National Committee Chairman, which read, "Let's be clear: Women are leading the Democratic Party." And on or about September 17, 2018, you retweeted a message linking to a Washington Examiner article about the "booming U.S. economy," which included a photograph of President Donald Trump wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat.<sup>7</sup>

You are a federal employee and maintain only a personal Twitter account. While you have some personal posts about family vacations and events with friends, most of your posts are retweets of your agency's initiatives and photographs of you at official events. You may not use this account to make posts directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate in a partisan race, or partisan political group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See OSC's February 2018 "Hatch Act Guidance on Social Media," pg. 9, available at: <a href="https://osc.gov/Resources/HA%20Social%20Media%20FINAL%20r.pdf">https://osc.gov/Resources/HA%20Social%20Media%20FINAL%20r.pdf</a>. This guidance also provides the following example:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See https://www.whitehouse.gov/articlcs/raw-unfiltered-look-crisis-next-door/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Your Twitter bio now reads, "Mom. Patriot. Catholic. Counselor."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The complaint also included a July 10, 2018 post you made that included the article, "Democratic Party Mocked for Accidentally Using Photo of Hardiman in Article Slamming Kavanaugh." OSC concluded that this post did not constitute political activity.

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Retweeting a message from a party chairperson and posting images of the President wearing campaign material, when he is a candidate for reelection, constitutes political activity under the Hatch Act. And in addition to the messages identified in the complaint, OSC found many more recent instances where you engaged in political activity on your "@KellyannePolls" account. Between October 31 and November 6, 2018, you posted at least 15 messages in support of either candidates running in the midterm elections or the Republican Party. You engaged in this activity on a Twitter account you use in your official capacity, and thus, OSC has concluded you violated the Hatch Act.

As mentioned above, because you continue to use "@KellyannePolls" for official purposes, the Hatch Act prohibits you from also using it to engage in political activity. Accordingly, in order to come into compliance with the Hatch Act, you must take corrective action with respect to your social media use. If you want to use "@KellyannePolls" to engage in political activity, you must create a separate official Twitter account on which you may post only official messages, as many of your White House colleagues have done. If you do not want to maintain another Twitter account, however, you must delete all political posts from "@KellyannePolls" and cease engaging in any political activity on that account. For example, you may not tweet or retweet a message that shows support or opposition to a political party, partisan group, or candidate for partisan political office. And you may not "like," "follow," or otherwise link to campaign social media pages or the pages of political parties or partisan groups.

Please provide written confirmation to OSC regarding which corrective action steps you have taken, no later than January 11, 2019. Please be advised that should you choose not to take steps to come into compliance with the Hatch Act, OSC will pursue further action under 5 U.S.C. § 1215. You may contact me at (202) 804 (b)(6); pr (b)(6); @osc.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Erica S. Hamrick

Deputy Chief Hatch Act Unit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See OSC's March 5, 2018 "Updated Guidance Regarding the Hatch Act and President Trump Now That He Is Officially a Candidate for Reelection," available at: <a href="https://osc.gov/Resources/Candidate%20Trump%20Hatch%20Act%20Guidance%203-5-2018.pdf">https://osc.gov/Resources/Candidate%20Trump%20Hatch%20Act%20Guidance%203-5-2018.pdf</a>.

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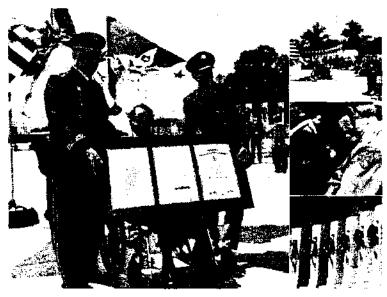
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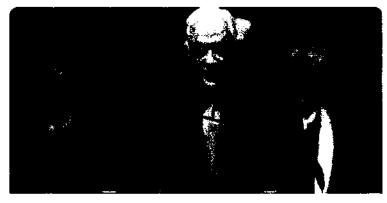
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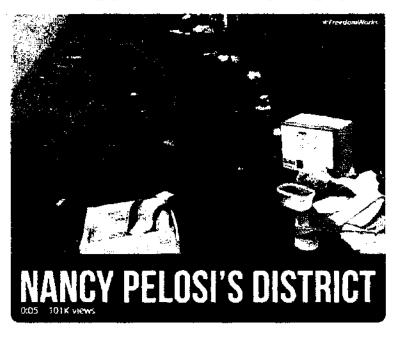


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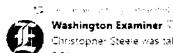
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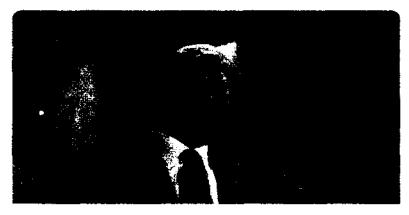
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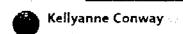
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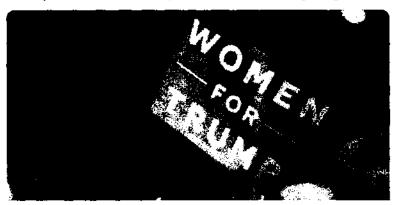
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What happens when you compare the Trump economy to the Obama economy?

Hint: Obama doesn't fair top well, ≠MAGA

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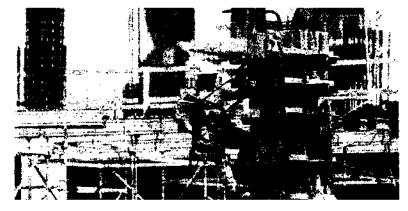
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August 2016 (& other times): @resiDonaldTrump.was living rent-free in your head: breitbartcom/politics/2016/.... Still true. I'm flattered. You shouldn't be.

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CBS News @ @CBSNews
Hillary Clinton: "I'm living rent-free inside of Donald
Trump's brain, and it's not a very nice place to be"
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BLS-Labor Statistics @ @BLS\_gov
Payroll employment increases by 263,000 in April; unemployment rate declines to 3.6%

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Last Friday, monster growth #s This Friday, monster jobs #s

The "new normal" is low unemployment & high growth/optimism

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...her favorite music.



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2020 candidate @SenKamalaHarris says she tikes listening to hip-hop and reggae music, counting Aretha Franklin. Bob Marley and @ramcardib among her faves. #candidatemixtape

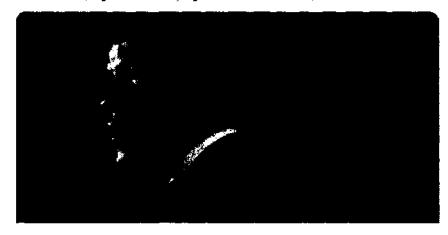
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Up 8 points since February

"It's (still) the economy, studid"

Hat tip: James Carville



CNN Politics 京海市的语言 CNN Poil: Trump's approval rating on the economy hits a new high chn.it/2GTBaxm



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**Kellyanne Conway** (4) @ineligian helfbus - May II. Brutal take by liberal feminist writer on Seto O'Rourke.

Betol went from Vanity Fair to Vanity Project in a flash.

Suggests women don't like him: it's time for Beto to go home and "help" raise his children.

They can all grow up together.

#### The Daily Beast Or @thedal (poess)

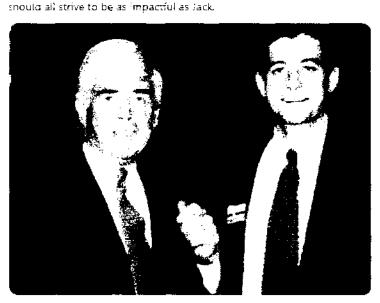
"You can thank, or blame, women, who make up almost 58 percent of the primary electorate for Beto's decline. Disproportionately, they don't like him?" tribial/GUGTSD9

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Paul Ryan will 35 peaker kinshi - Way 1. Though he passed away 10 years ago today, Jack Kemp's legacy lives on through those he inspired. Jack was a mentor, a friend. & he changed the GOP for the better. He offered pragmatic solutions & an optimistic vision for America. We



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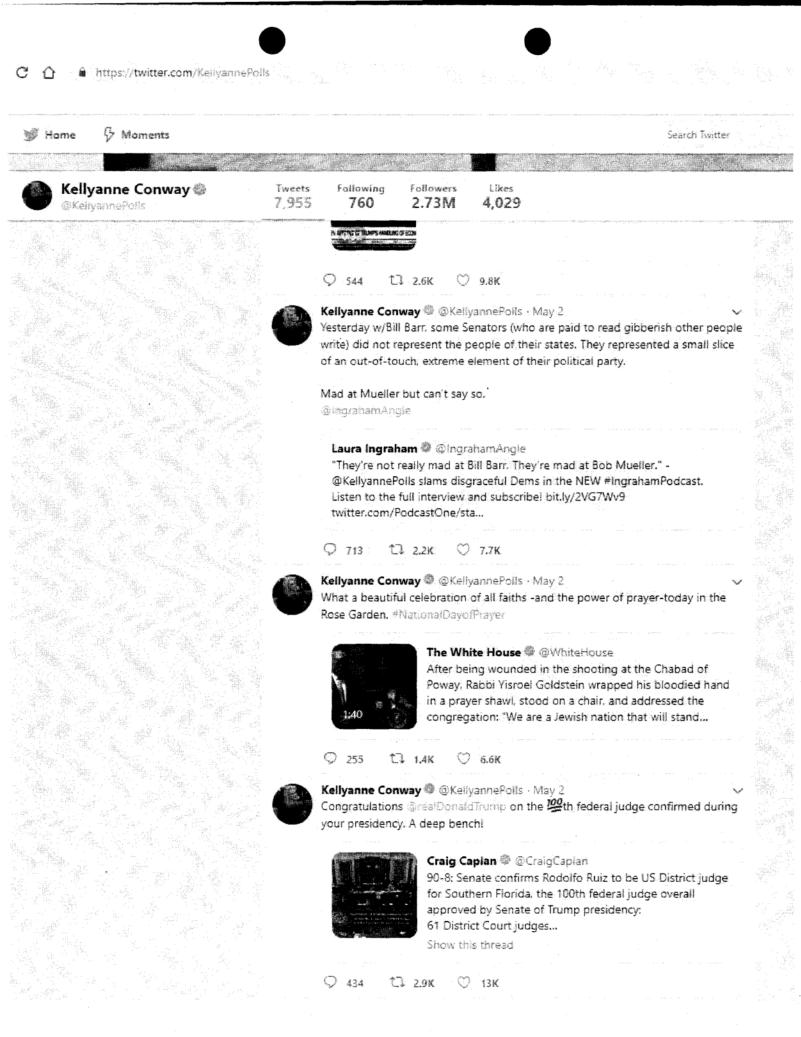


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CNN Post (Trump's approval rating on economy "is the highest number we've ever seen."



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Vice President Mike Pence @ @VP - May 1

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Kellyanne Conway @ @KellyannePolis · Apr 30

Women are the majority of health care providers and the majority of health care consumers.

They would be most hurt by a socialized medicine/government takeover of health care.

Medicare for All = Choices for None



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More from @kellyannepolls: Why single-payer government healthcare ain't woke!

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Bloomberg Politics @ @bpolitics - Apr 29

Blackstone GEO Stephen Schwarzman says a dramatic change in tax policy under Democrats or a rise in interest rates could be a shock to the economy



Stephen Schwarzman Sees Potential Risk to Economy in Higher Taxe... Stephen Schwarzman, chief executive officer of Blackstone Group LP, said a dramatic change in tax policy under Democratic lawmakers or a rise in int... inoo, geadnnookd

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Liz Cheney @ @Liz\_Cheney - Apr 29

If you read only one thing today: "And I remember shouting the words "Am Yisrael Chail The people of Israel livel" I have said that line hundreds of times in my life. But I have never felt the truth of it more than I did then."

nytimesicom/2019/04/29/opi... via @nytopinion



Opinion | A Terrorist Tried to Kill Me Because I Am a Jew. I Will Never... I do not know why God spared my life in my Poway synagogue. All I can do is make this borrowed time matter.

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Adding thinking Body of Christi was a statue of Jesus in Paris Notre Dame cathedral.

#### Howard Fineman - Strowardsmaman

Something's awry at @nytimes, it publishes an op-ed claiming that Jesus wasn't Jewish' a Streicher-like anti-Semitic cartoon: buries the California synagogue shooting story on page 17 of the print paper during the days of floiccaust Remembrance.

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2:2: \_\_\_\_\_\_ you and I agree. said on \_\_\_\_\_\_ today & elsewhere that people of ail faiths should be free from harm.

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Extreme logas like Green New Deal & Socialized Medicine DO scare me tho:

Areas for bipartisanship? Call me. Much work to do

#### Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez 👉 🖫 🖺 🖺

You are using this as an excuse to stoke suspicion around my Christianity + faith life. @KeilyannePolls.

The Bri Lanka massacre was horrifying. No one should be targeted for... Show the horean

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1/2: Hi Congresswoman

My best to your grandmother.

My grandmothers are irreplaceable; miss them every day.

Good that you now condemn Sri Lanka massacre. Some found it odd a prolific tweeter was silent. Following day you tweeted about your movie:

#### Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Helio Ms. Conivay.

On Easter I was away from tech visiting my grandmother in Puerto Rico. Which continues to suffer from the White House's incompetent disaster...

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Mosque in New Zealand Tree of Life Synagogue in PA Emanuel AME Courch in SC Church in Sutherland Springs Churches in Sri Lanka heather Heyer.

Hate & evil must be condemned: murderers punished: places of worship safe.

#### State of the Union 19 3 Children

On =CNNSOTU w/ @jaketapper: @KetlyannePolls echoes the President as ne condemned anti-Semitism and hate after a shooting at a California synadogue on Saturday. contig/2VusPQe

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Fact: The Vanity Fair cover of "Seto the Next Coming" is still on some new stands. That was fast



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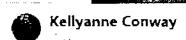
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CNN's @JakeTapper repeatedly asks WH counselor. Kellyanne Conway if President Trump thinks white. nationalism is a growing threat around the world, and if specification is response on Charlotteswille was perfect ...



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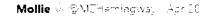
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With the media and other partisans engaging in so much revisionist history about. Anita rill, shope you actually read this piece.



#### Joe Biden On Anita Hill In 1998: 'She Was Lying'

it's true that Joe Biden did his best to help Anita Hill, including concealing witnesses who would have been a disaster under examination.

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Kellyanne Conway (\*) @selijannePolizik-pr 27

This is not an apology for promoting anti-Semitism.

Appliogies include words like "regret" (sorry & wait for it - "appliogize".

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The New York Times has applied for publishing an anti-Semitic cartoon in its international paper on April 25, depicting israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a guide dog for a blind Trump.

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On this last day of Passover, I was heartbroken to hear of another senseless shooting in a place of worship. My heart & prayers go out to all affected in the community.

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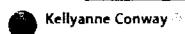


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Bill Maher mocks Democrat Rep. Adam Schiff (CA) over his obsession with President Donald Trump and Russia: "But this was our big gun. Now it just looks like you re stalking him!



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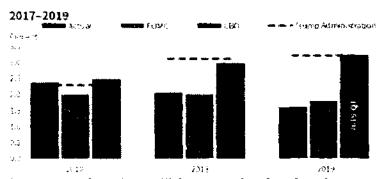
"This is real." Saturday, April 27, 2019, is National #TakeBackDay

From 1046/1 to 29M on Saturday, April 27, 2019, thousands of locations across the country are ready to accept unused or expired prescription drugs.

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We see in today's advance estimate of real 30° growth in the first quarter of 2019 continues to outperform relative to expectations!

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"Some critical decisions about the Russia investigation were made before I got there. The previous Administration chose not to publicize the full story about Russian computer hackers and social media trolls, and how they relate to a broader strategy to undermine America. The FBI disclosed classified evidence about the investigation to ranking legislators and their staffers. Someone selectively leaked details to the news media. The FBI Director announced at a congressional hearing that there was a counterintelligence investigation that might result in criminal charges. Then the former FBI Director alleged that the President pressured him to close the investigation, and the President denied that the conversation occurred.

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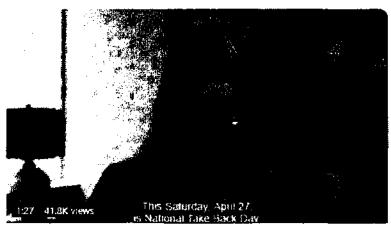


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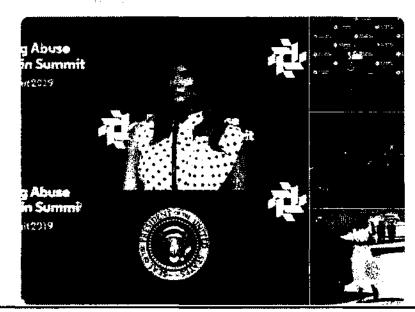
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"For two years, people denied the electability of two years people denied the election of Donald Trumo." -

Kellyanne goes after Trump's critics who were "too invested in the outcome" of Mueller's report.

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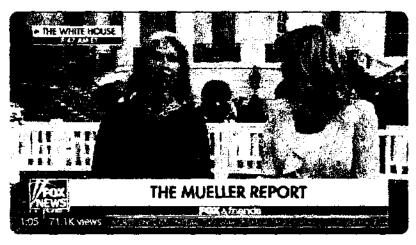
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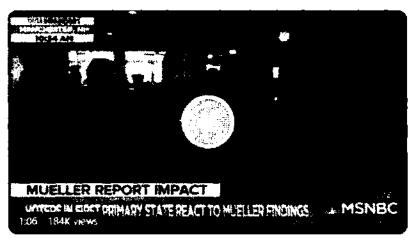


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Asked if Trump still thinks Mueller acted honorably. Kellyanne Conway says if certainly do and I think there's enormous pressure on director Mueller and his team to have produced what many Trump paters and critics is were hoping they would produce.



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ABC News @ ABC - Apr 21

NEW: Asked about Mueller not exonerating Pres. Trump on obstruction of justice, Kellyanne Conway says, "That's not really the job of a prosecutor ... they declined to indict. The president is not going to jail. he's staying in the White House."

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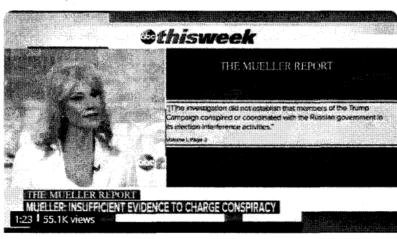
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NEW: "Donald Trump won. We didn't need Wikileaks. We had Wisconsin. He won because he was the better candidate." Kellyanne Conway tells @MarthaRaddatz when asked if she accepts Mueller's finding that Russia worked to help elect

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"Not only should [Adam Schiff] resign, he should produce the evidence that he said he has." -@KelivanneBolis



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Kellyanne Conway @ @KellyannePolls - Apr 18

We had Wisconsin

We didn't need WikiLeaks

Don't lose sight of what an awful day this is for awful candidate with awful excuses for running awful campaign.



The Hill @ @thehill

.@KellyannePolls: "When I needed to find negative information about Hillary Clinton and how to beat her, I looked no further than Hillary Clinton." hill.cm/rywSguX

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The Hill @ @thehill - Apr. 18

.@KellyannePolis on #Mueller@port: "You know what [President Trump's] greatest rebuttal will be? His greatest rebuttal will be he's in office. He's going to remain in office. And he'll get reelected because the Democrats have nothing."



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Kellyanne Conway @ @KellyannePolls - Apr 18 Hysterical.



Ronna McDaniel @ @GOPChairwoman Maxine Waters never missed an opportunity to spread the phony @realDonaldTrump-Russia collusion lie.

She's an absolute disgrace and has NO credibility.

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Kellyanne Conway @ @KellyannePoils - Apr 18 B-I-N-G-O

### Mary Katharine Ham @ @mkhammer

idea "collusion" is solely Trump's/Barr's word & wasn't used constantly, often irresponsibly, by media & politicians (& all of you responding to me) for 2 yrs as shorthand for "criminal conspiracy to knowingly collude w foreign power to tip election" is nonsense gaslighting. Stop twitter.com/Zeusacsom/stat...

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Kellyanne Conway @ @KellyannePolls · Apr 18 This should be a 16-page apology

### Michael M. Grynbaum @ @grynbaum

The New York Times will publish a 16-page special print section tomorrow, including summaries & highlights from the paper's annotations of the Mueller Report.

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At WH. says Pres Trump in a "great mood" and it's time to move on to important issues. Says the 22-month Mueller investigation was a political proctology exam and we emerged with a clean bill of health. "It's over folks," she says of "big lie" accusations.



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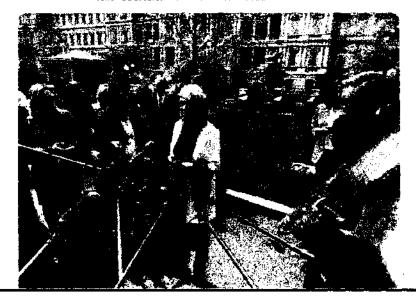
Conway says Pres Trump doesn't need a rebuttal to the Moeller Report. "His greatest reputtal" is that he s in office. will stay in office and will be re-elected. She says the Democrats thave nothing," 'They banked everything' ...

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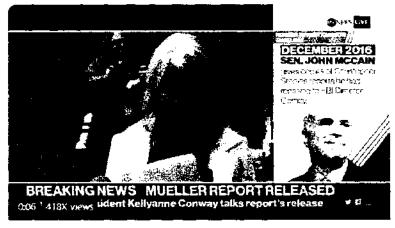
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NEW: Last week. @ AmProg reached out to reporters to pick apart. @ BernieSanders - Medicare for Alti plan.

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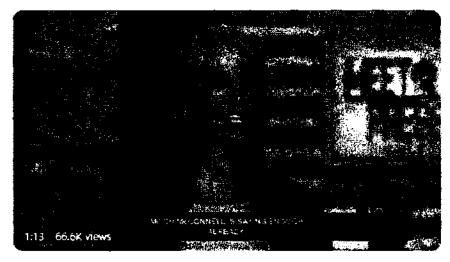
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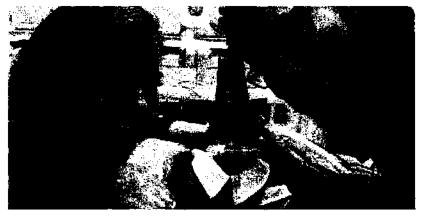
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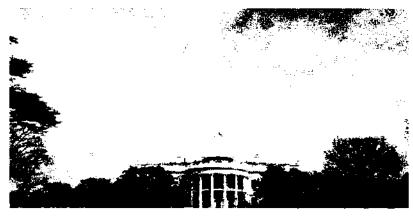
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My FDNY son's death on 9/11 was more than just 'something

"Those people gled a horrible death..We were there for 9 months picking up body." parts, pieces. We found my son's body 6 months later. He was at the North Tower. We got to pury him. 'Car' 1999



My FDNY son's death on 9/11 was more than just 'something'

What Congresswoman Ilhan Omar said about Sept. 11 was disgraceful. She dismissed thousands of people being murdered like it was an everyday oc...

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Congratulations to a beautiful and expanding family. 💞



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Baby number two coming this August.: 🛊 All of the boys. are excited to become dig brothers.. 🙌 💝 💃

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"This is a government takeover. I gave birth four times.... Show this thread

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Trish Regan @ @trish\_regan - Apr 3

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Trish Regan @ @trish\_regan · Apr 3

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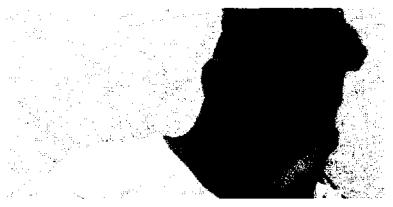
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There may be no collusion, but there IS a CRISIS at the border

You saw it firsthand

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WATCH Deputy Chief Patrol Agent Raul Ortiz & @ChrisCuomo @CNN:



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.@ChrisCuomo: This migrant situation is called a "crisis."
but that word is overused. It doesn't do the situation
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China Bans All Types of Fentanyl, Cutting Supply of Deadly Drug to U.S. and Fulfilling Pledge to Trump - The New York Times



China Bans All Types of Fentanyl, Cutting Supply of Deadly Drug to ... Carrying out a promise made to President Trump, China announced that it would treat all variations of the opioid fentanyl as controlled substances.

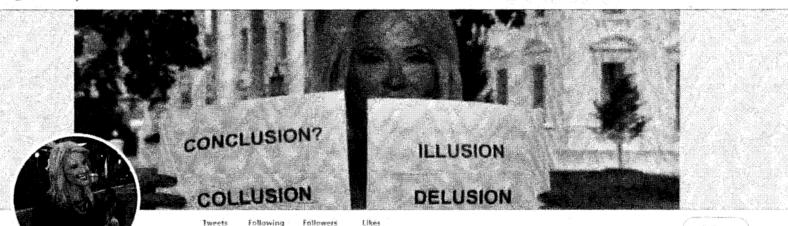


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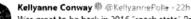
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Was great to be back in 2016 "reach state" Pennsylvania last night. looking people in the eye and listening to them. (We love you back).

Salena Zito captures it here: Trump pumps up Pennsylvania crowd in bid to defy polling yet again



Trump pumps up Pennsylvania crowd in bid to defy polling yet again MONTOURSVILLE, Pa. — On a balmy spring evening President Trump returned to Pennsylvania two days after former Vice President Joe Biden. washingtonexaminer com-

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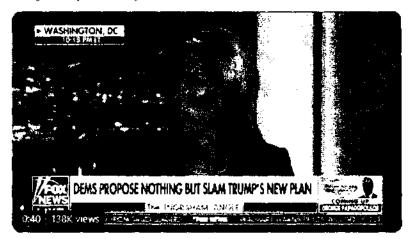


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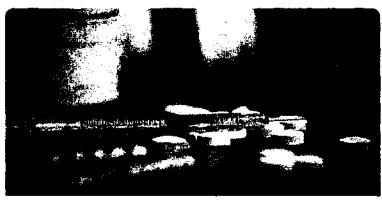
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Mr. Trump has embraced the Rose Garden as a setting for public events -a literal interpretation of a time-tested strategy for incumbents seeking re-

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Michael Caputo: it's time to stop China's fentanyl

For the sake of millions of Americans, our nation must stem the tide of fentanyl as we end this opioid crisis.

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CNN Poll: Trump s approval rating on the economy hits a new high cnn.it/2GTBaxm.

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Kellyanne Conway 🕏 @ KellyannePolls | May 2 Brutal take by liberal feminist writer on Beto O'Rourke.

Beto: went from Vanity Fair to Vanity Project in a flash.

Suggests women don't like him ; it's time for Beto to go home and "help" raise his children.

They can all grow up together.

The Daily Beast 🍪 @thedailybeast

"You can thank, or blame, women, who make up almost 58 percent of the primary electorate for Beto's decline. Disproportionately, they don't like him" trib.al/GUGTSD9

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President @realDonaldTrump hosted the 2018 Stanley Cup Champion Washington Capitals in the Oval Office this week! #ALcCAPS •

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### Keliyanne Conway 🗗 🐉 Serganna Phär i Mar 💥

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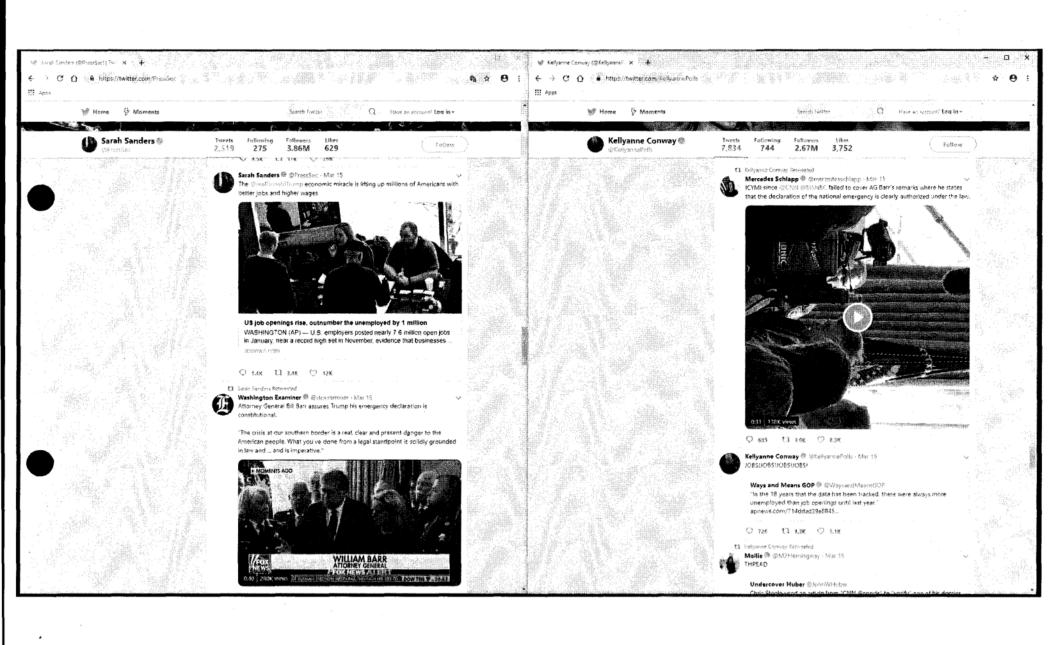
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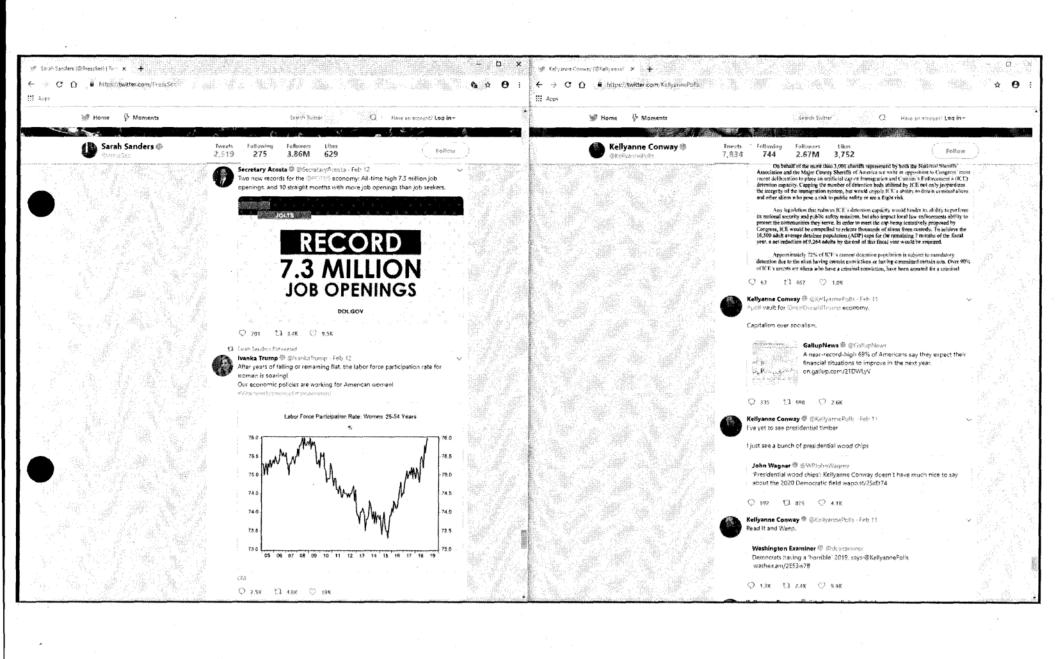


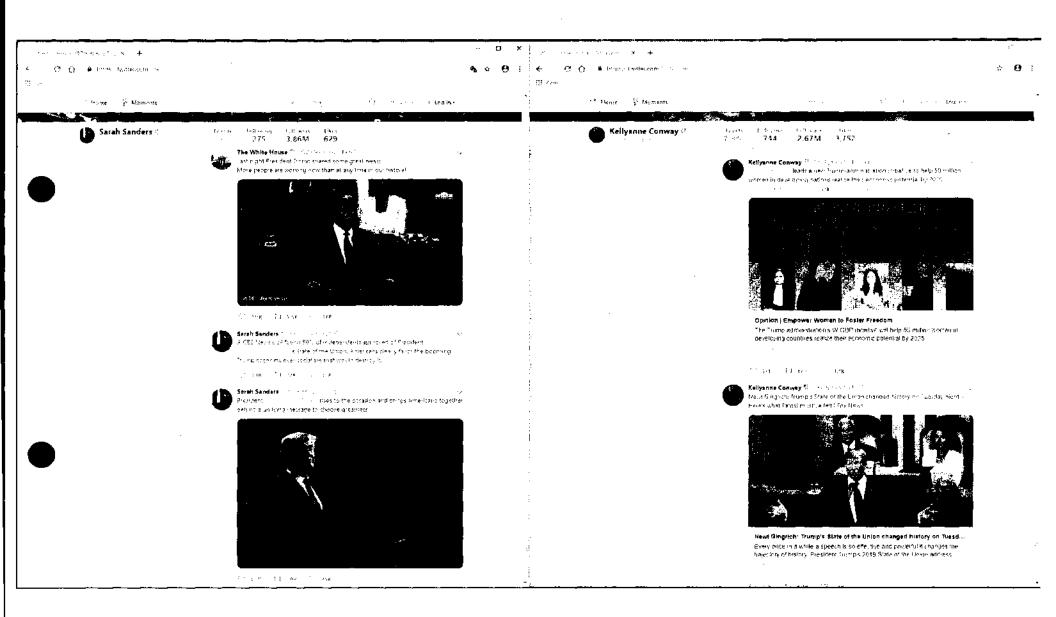
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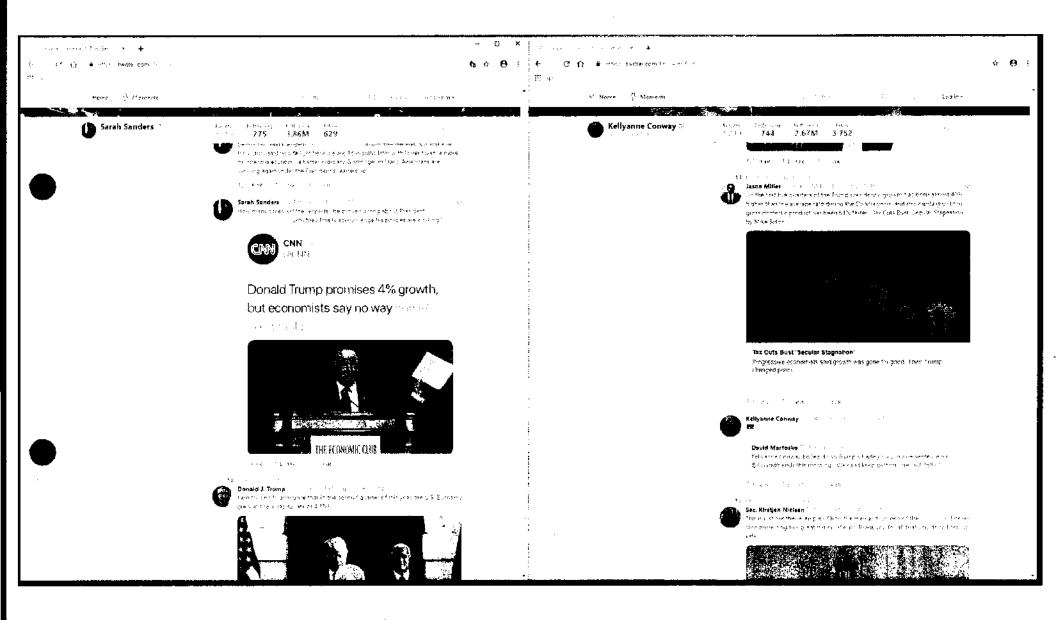
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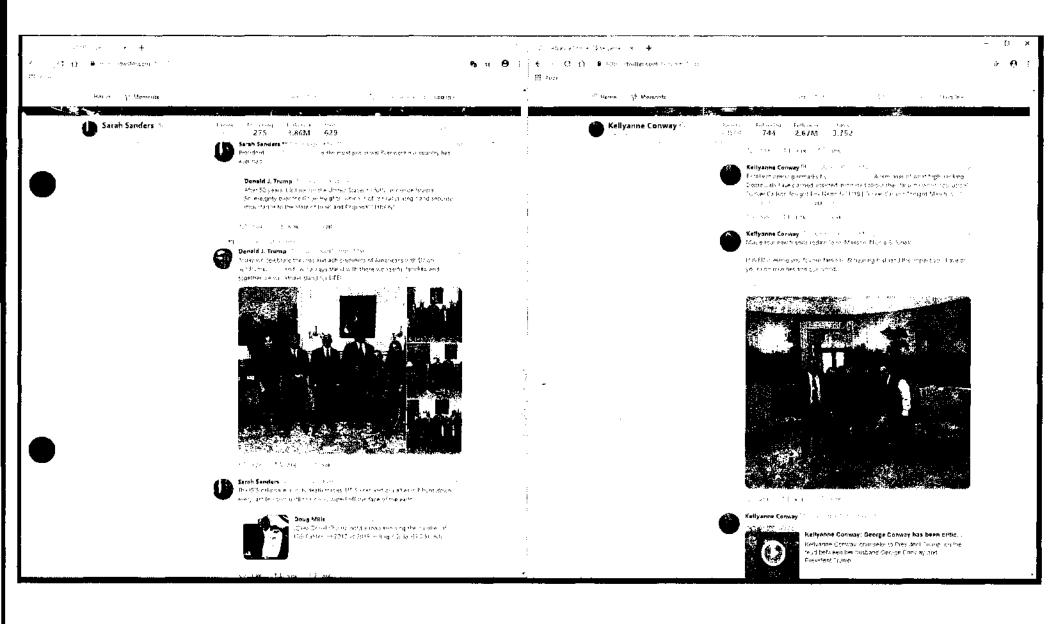
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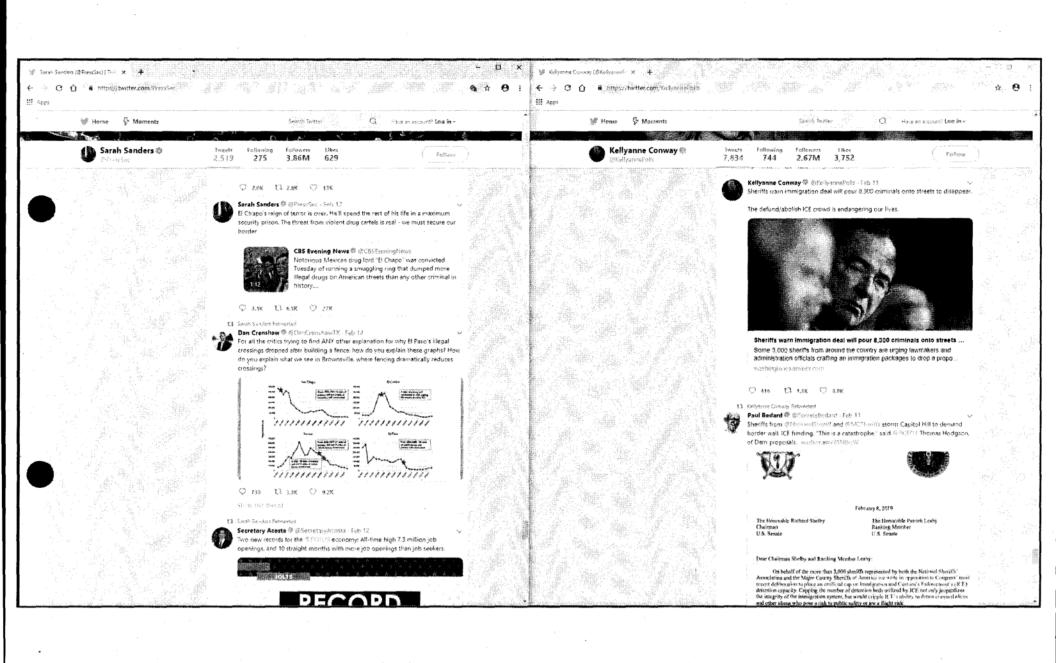


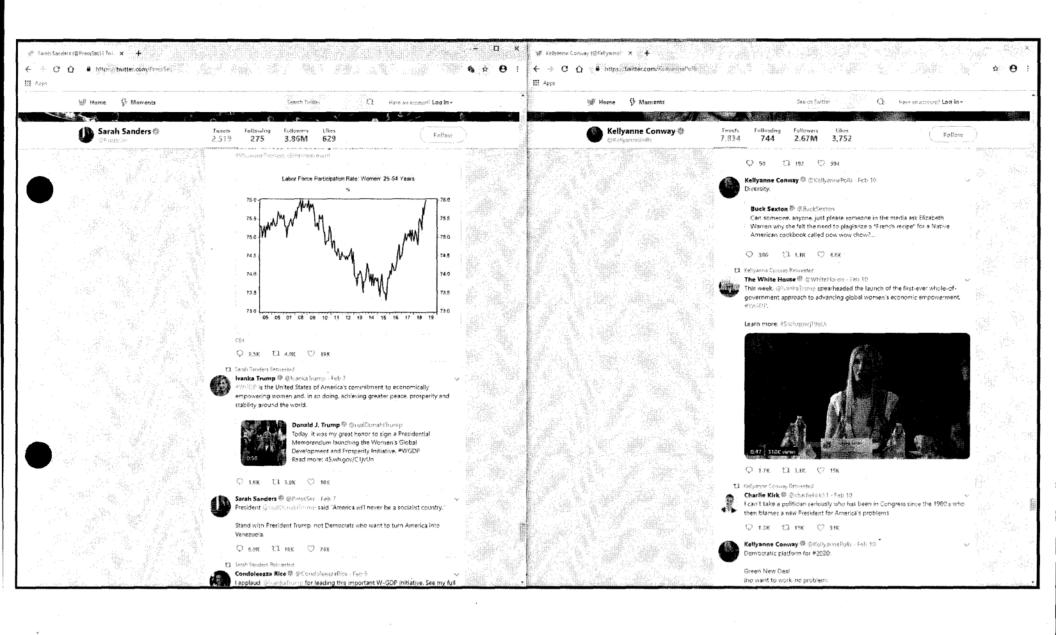


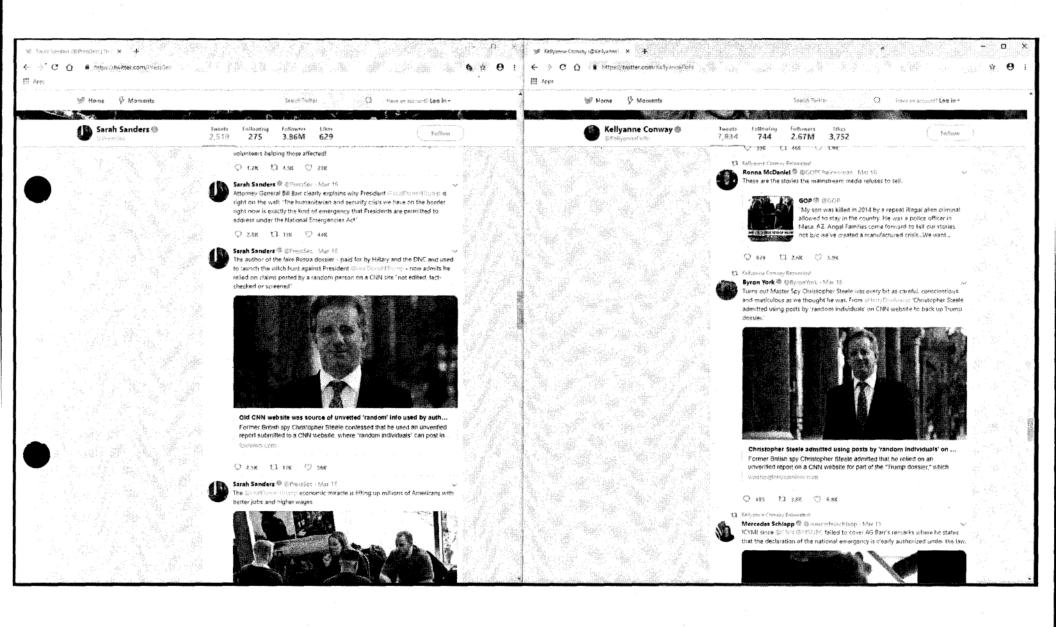


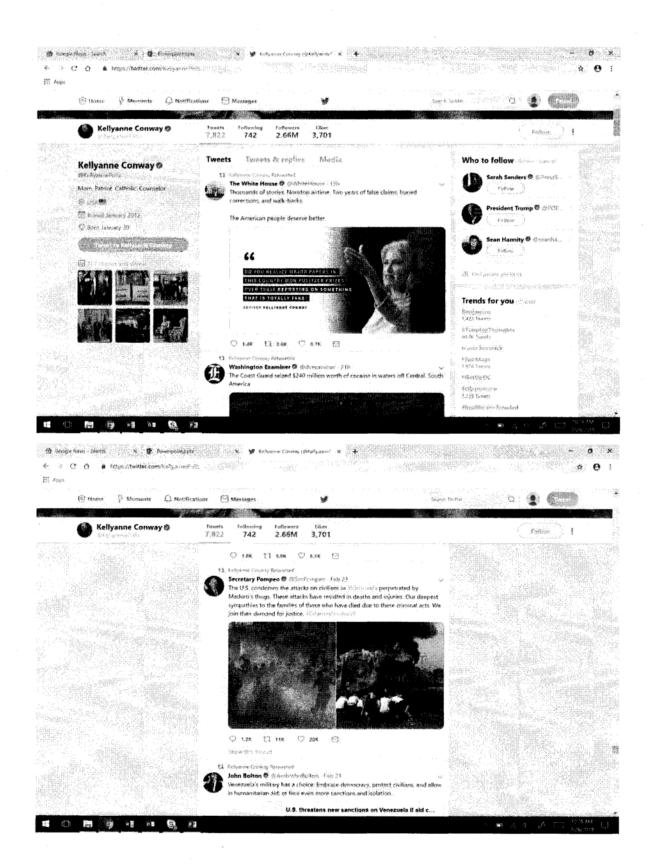
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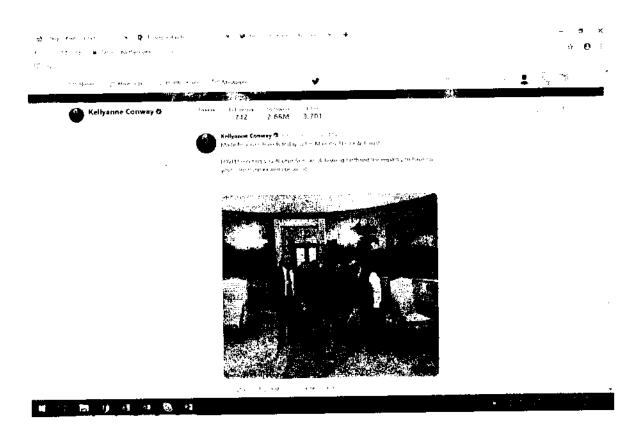


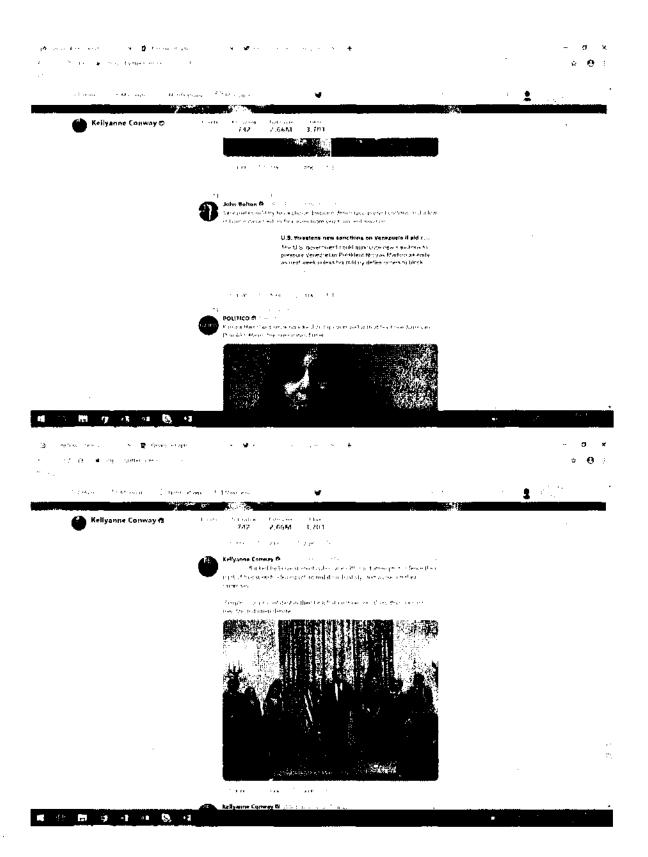


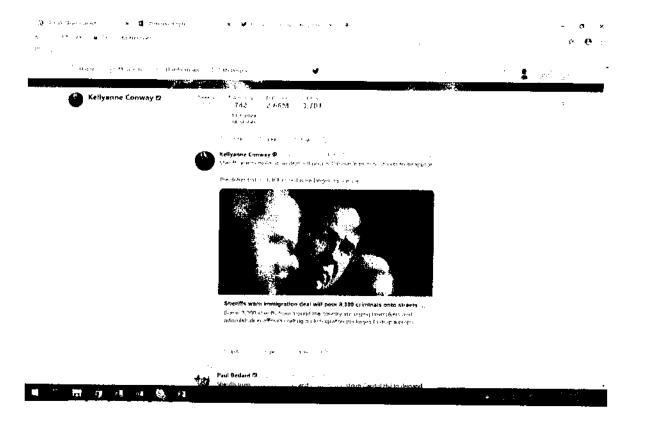




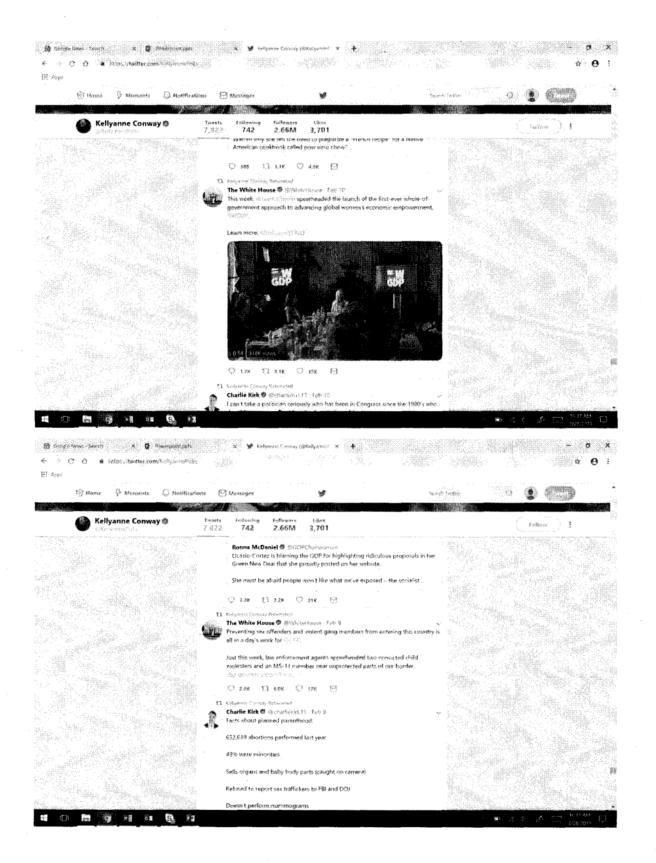




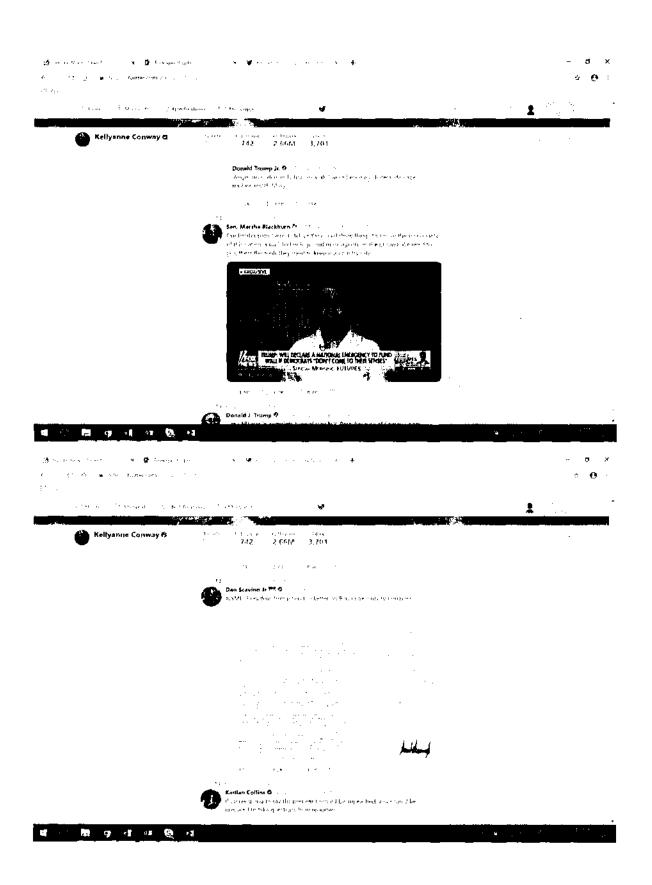




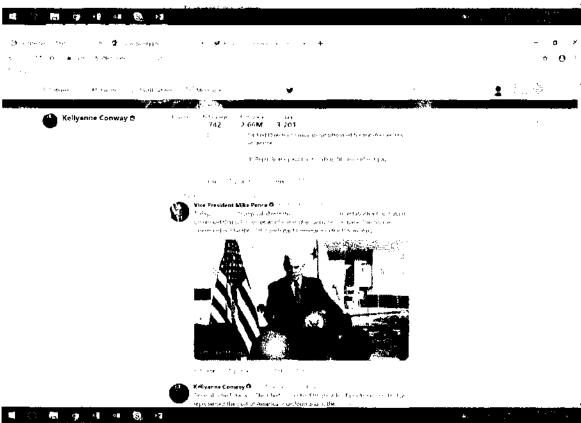
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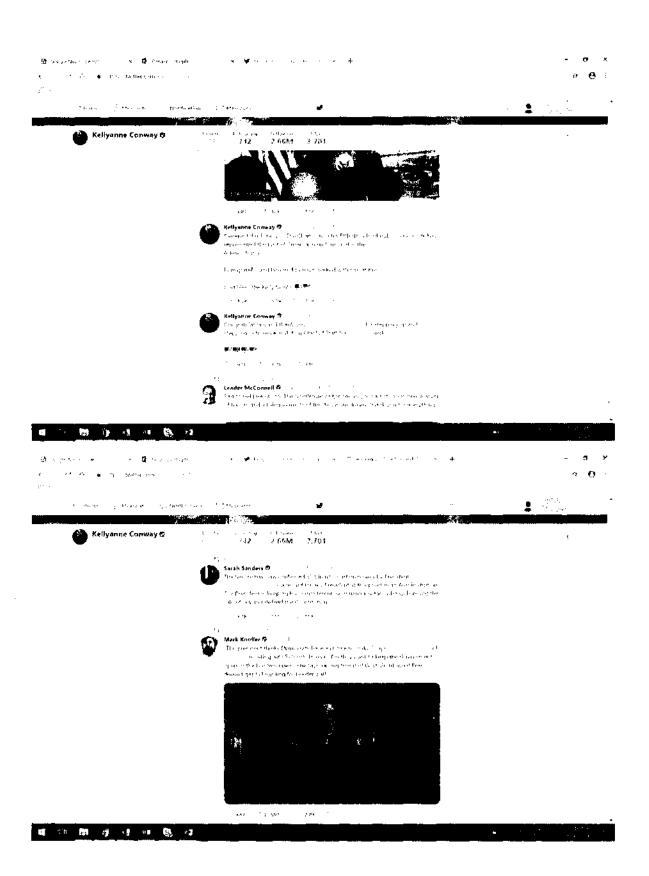


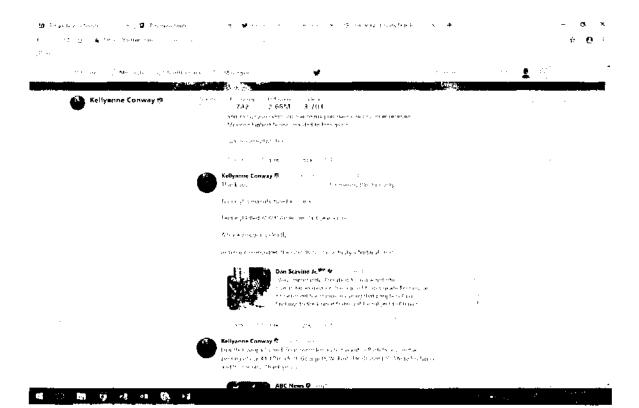














# Kellyanne Conway 🏶 @KellyannePolls · Feb 1

#USA (councing on a hot winning streak under @wealtionablinump)

16 straight months of creating more than 100K jobs

11 straight months of unemployment at or below 4%

6 straight months of earnings growth over 3%

18,500/month in new manufacturing jobs

### **CEA** <a href="#">€ @WhiteHouseCEA</a>

304,000 jobs created in January, beating market expectations. The economy has now created 5.3 million jobs since the 2016 election, and it's the 16th consecutive month with at least 100,000 jobs created. #JobsReport #BLSdata Show this thread

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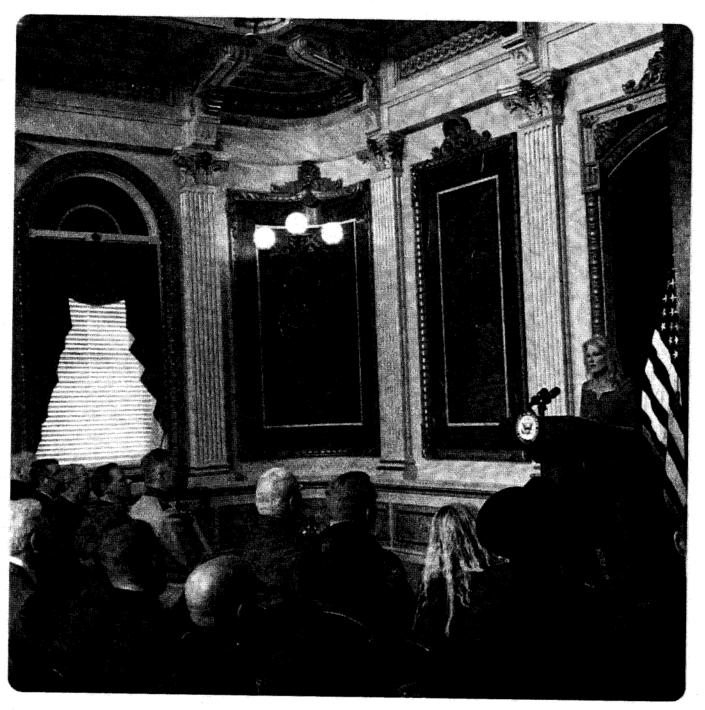


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Alyssa Farah 🕼 @VPPressSec · Feb 7

.@KellyannePolls addresses leaders of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program at the @WhiteHouse on the Administration's all encompassing efforts to combat illegal drugs. Up next - @ VP. Watch live: youtube.com/watch? v=4GKW63...





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The White House 🔝 @WhiteHouse - Feb 9

Preventing sex offenders and violent gang members from entering this country is all in a day's work for ACPA.

Just this week, law enforcement agents apprehended two convicted child molesters and an MS-13 member near unprotected parts of our border.

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The White House @ @WhiteHouse - Feb 10

This week, which has preached the launch of the first-ever whole-of-government approach to advancing global women's economic empowerment,

Learn more: 15 with gown (trail k











# Kellyanne Conway 🥙 @KellyannePolls - Feb 12

You are now more likely to die of drug overdose than a car accident in America. than Obered Bridge & Sambdohn Bolton on AMM Mand the entire Trump Administration work every day to inform Americans how lethal a teeny tiny amount of Actual is and to get it out of our communities.



### John Bolton 🐉 @AmbJohnBolton

Met w/ U.S. Govt & industry leaders yesterday to address the need to stop Chinese fentanyl from getting into the U.S. 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose, incl. 78 from a synthetic opioid like fentanyl. Thanks to...



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The White House @ @WhiteHouse · Feb 16

Two ways to prevent new opioid addiction: reduce the volume of opioid prescriptions and develop policy pathways to putting more non-opioid alternatives on the market. More from @@addiction:









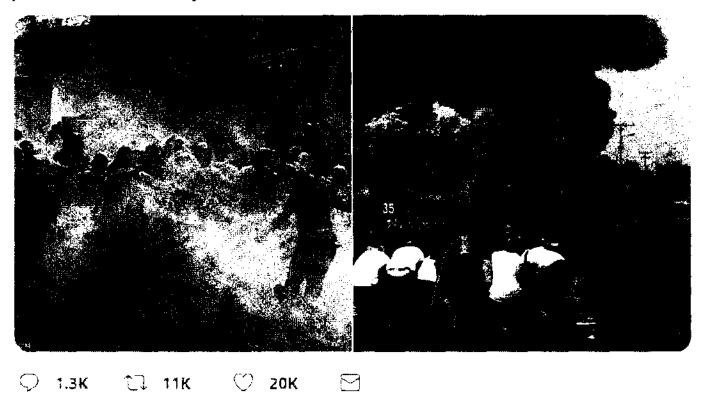


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#### Secretary Pompeo 🗀 @SecPompeo - Fab 23

The U.S. condemns the attacks on civilians in a second perpetrated by Maduro's thugs. These attacks have resulted in deaths and injuries. Our deepest sympathies to the families of those who have died due to these criminal acts. We join their demand for justice.



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#### John Bolton 🗟 @AmbJohnBolton - Feb 23

Venezuela's military has a choice: Embrace democracy, protect civilians, and allow in humanitarian aid; or face even more sanctions and isolation.

#### U.S. threatens new sanctions on Venezuela if aid c...

The U.S. government could announce new sanctions to pressure Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro as early as next week unless his military defies orders to block...

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#### Kellyanne Conway ﴿﴿ @KellyannePolls · Mar 13

"The Fentanyl Failure" operating to speed of the feet of

is the most important thing you can read today. 🐝 🙌 🐝

#### Katie Zezima 🗟 @katiezez

"This is a massive institutional failure." How the Obama administration failed to focus on fentanyl as the powerful painkiller killed thousands across America. An investigation w/@scotthigham1 and @sarihorwitz wapo.st/fentanyl-obama

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Kellyanne Conway 🕸 @KellyannePolls - Mar 13

110 deal is making its way into everyday lexicon.

Fentanyl has already made its way into our communities.

Fentanyl seizures at & outside ports of entry are way up.

and media even covering it:

The Washington Post & @washingtonpost

What is fentanyl? The powerful painkiller is the leading cause of overdose deaths in America, wapo.st/2EXepHP

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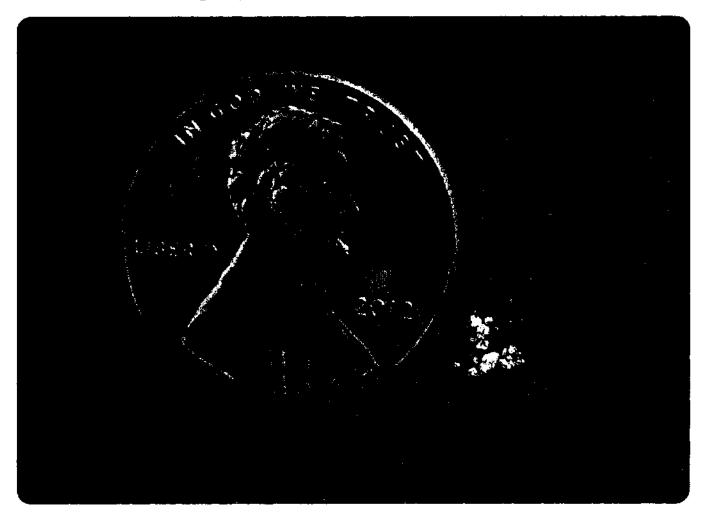


The White House : @WhiteHouse : Mar 13

This is what a lethal dose of fentanyl looks like.

In January, 6.36.30 officers seized 254 pounds of fentanyl—tens of millions of lethal doses—in a single drug bust at the southern border.

This is a national emergency.





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# **Kellyanne Conway** @ KellyannePolls · Mar 17 Thread



## Scott Gottlieb, M.D. 🕸 @SGottliebFDA

The U.S. is facing a new epidemic sparked by the surging popularity of e-cig use by kids. Halting this public health crisis requires forceful steps from FDA. In today's #FDA #SundayTweetorial I'll detail what we advanced last...

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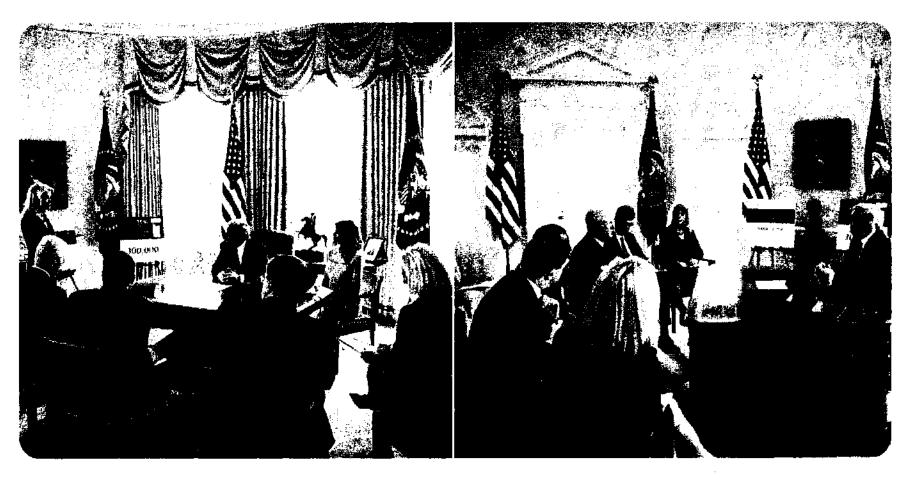


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## Melania Trump 🏶 @FLOTUS - Mar 19

Excellent briefing by MANASque WHIT purced Reserved Advantage on Expendent Hands in the Oval Office with MANAS My office will be highlighting several Administration successes in combatting the Opioid Epidemic in the coming weeks.





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### Kellyanne Conway 🕾 @KellyannePolls - Mar 21

in the second flanked by brave students who have withstood attempts to silence their right of free speech, ideological intimidation, hostility (and worse) on their campuses.

"People who are confident in their beliefs do not censor others; they welcome free, fair and open debate. "





## **Kellyanne Conway** — @KellyannePolls - Mar 21 Made four new friends today: John, Maeson, Nicole & Jonas!

LOVED meeting you & your families, & hearing firsthand the impact you have on your communities and our world.



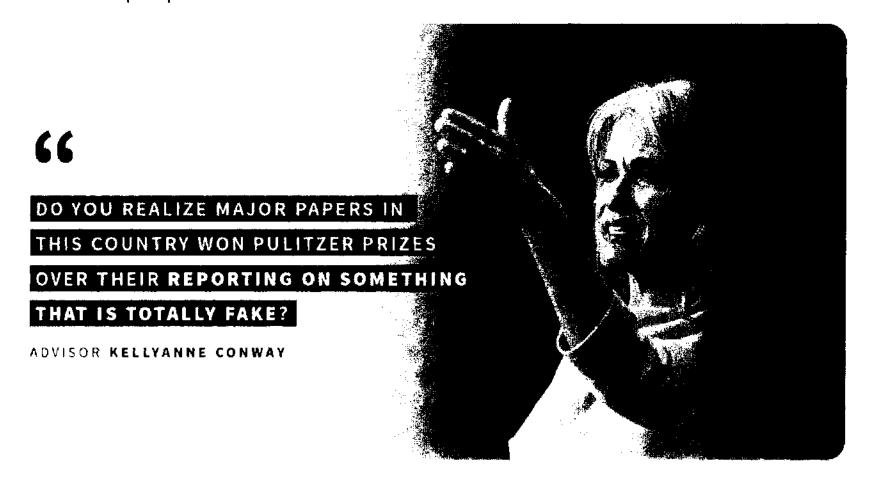
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The White House 😚 @WhiteHouse 🗸 🦠

Thousands of stories. Nonstop airtime. Two years of false claims, buried corrections, and walk-backs.

The American people deserve better.











#### Kellyanne Conway # @KellyannePolis 4 Sep 2018

Worth your time. Share the link do they can share their stories.

#### Secretary Alex Azar 🗦 @SecAzar

Addiction is a public health challenge that must be confronted with compassion, urgency, and the right treatment. We need to remove the stigma that we know is preventing so many from seeking the help that they need. Watch their stories: crisisnextdoor.gov

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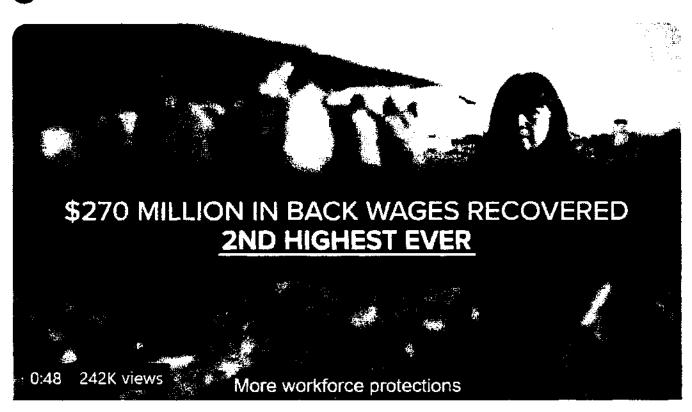
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#### Secretary Acosta © @Secretary Acosta + 3 Sep 2018

Today, we celebrate and honor the greatest worker in the world – the American worker. Watch this video to learn how American is helping more Americans secure good, safe, family-sustaining jobs.

### US Labor Department



### Labor Day 2018: America's Labor Day

On Labor Day, we celebrate and honor the greatest worker in the world – the American worker. Here are just a few of the ways we are helping more

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FOX & friends @ @foxandfriends · 10 Sep 2018

"Cowards are like criminals – they eventually suss out themselves because they eventually confess or brag to the wrong person, and I suspect that's what will happen here." -@KellyannePolls on anonymous NYT op-ed writer



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Kellyanne Conway 🥮 @KellyannePolls · 10 Sep 2018

Cowards are like criminals. They normally suss out themselves by bragging about their nefarious actions to the wrong people.



FOX & friends @ @foxandfriends

.@KellyannePolls: Anonymous NYT op-ed writer "should be named, blamed, and shamed for not having the courage to come forward"



The White House Sale White House + 10 Sep 2018

The numbers speak for themselves.

# HISTORIC ECONOMIC SUCCESS

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GDP in the second quarter of 2018

jobs have been created since President Trump took office

3.9%

unemployment rate in August 2018

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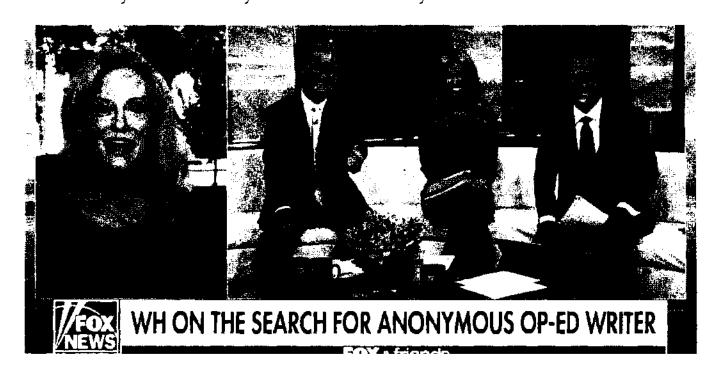
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The Daily Caller @ @DailyCaller - 10 Sep 2018 . ൂടില് രോഗത് ായ: " ... all of a sudden president ൂടിയോടെ മത്രത്തെ wants credit for the economy democrats say don't exist. It's funny."





# Kellyanne Conway (##KeRyanneRous + 19 Sec 20

2/2: in 99-1 vote, Senate passed major bipartisan legislation to combat crisis. Highlights: reduce amt. of fentanyl pouring into U.S., expand treatment, including chemically dependent newborns, create job training programs for ppl in recovery



#### Statement from the Press Secretary Regarding Passage of the Senat...

This critical bipartisan legislation is a major step forward in the whole-of-government approach to combating drug demand and the opioid crisis.

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### Kellyanne Conway 🖒 @KeilyannePoils - 19 Sep 2018

1/2: major progress this week on \$\frac{1}{2}\$. \$1billion to support all 50 states' efforts to provide addiction treatment, prevention, & recovery services; improve data collection; help community health centers in rural areas provide addiction treatment.

#### Secretary Alex Azar 🖒 @SecAzar

Each life saved from addiction is an important victory. And while the opioid epidemic still rages, we are now seeing signs of national progress. As @POTUS has declared, "failure is not an option, and addiction is not our future." usatoday.com/story/opinion/...



# Kellyanne Conway 🤼 @KellyannePolls - 4 Nov 2018

The Pledge to America led by which and senior adviser with an is one of the more remarkable initiatives in this Administration.

Opportunities in employment & skills education benefit job creators, job holders and above all, job seekers.

7 million jobs are available!

# Ivanka Trump ি @IvankaTrump

Thank you to the many employers and trade associations that have signed our Pledge to America's Workers! twitter.com/FoxBusiness/st...

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Linda McMahon 🦃 @SBALinda - 5 Nov 2018

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### Opinion | The World Can Live Without Iranian Oil

The U.S. energy boom will help the global supply meet demand.

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Ben Carson 🦃 @SecretaryCarson - 11 Nov 2018

A small percentage of our nation's more than 20 million and the are homeless, but that's still too many. The element and the publishment are working to completely eradicate homelessness among our veterans—and our efforts are working. Read more:



## Ending Veteran Homelessness | RealClearPolitics

It is a national disgrace that any man or woman who once wore our nation's uniform should ever live in a shelter or on the streets. Although only a tiny percentage of our n...

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## Kellyanne Conway 🧐 @KellyannePolls - 2 Dec 2018

Thank you, we have a Secondaria op for making this a priority.

Fentanyl is manufactured in China.

Fentanyl killed 30,000 Americans last year alone.

A trace amount is deadly.

In some communities, the opioids crisis is actually a fentanyl crisis.



## Dan Scavino Jr. @@@Scavino45

"Very importantly, President Xi, in a wonderful humanitarian gesture, has agreed to designate Fentanyl as a Controlled Substance, meaning that people selling Fentanyl to the United States will be subject to China's...





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Sarah Sanders 🖾 @PressSec + 11 Dec 2018

The Senate has now confirmed 30 Circuit Court nominees by President

— a record for any President at this point in an Administration.

The President is keeping his commitment, nominating judges who will uphold the rule of law and defend the Constitution!

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Mark Knoller of @markknoller - 11 Dec 2018

"The president thinks Democrats have a choice to make," says and the says of meeting with Pelosi/Schumer. "Do they want to keep the Government open or the borders open," she says, raising threat of Govt shutdown if President't get full funding for border wall.





# Kellyanne Conway 💝 @KellyannePolls - 14 Dec 2018

General John F. Kelly - "The Chief" - is in his fifth decade of public service. He has represented the best of America in uniform and in the America is such that the Administration.

I am grateful and honored to have worked with him at the action of the contract of the contrac

God bless the Kelly family.

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# Kellyanne Conway 🧇 @KellyannePolls + 14 Dec 2018

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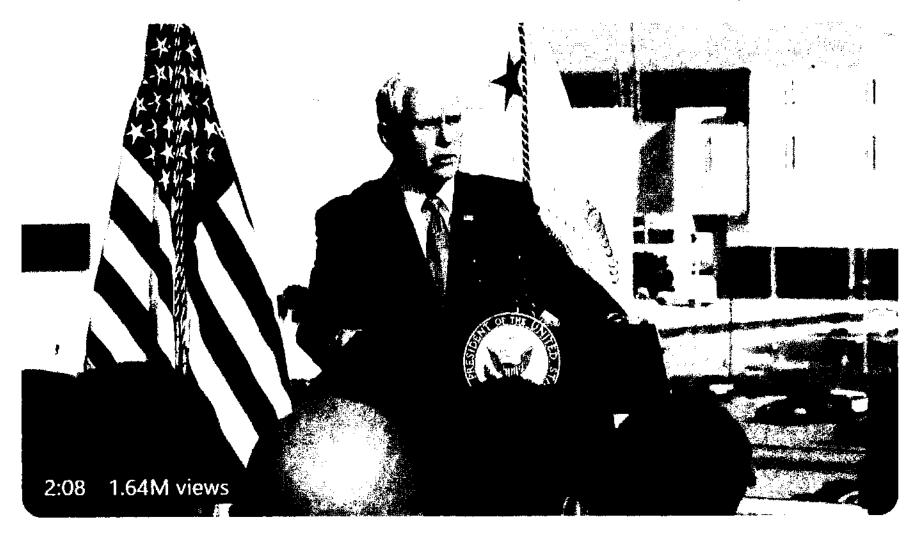






Vice President Mike Pence @ @VP - 18 Dec 2018

Today, and U.S. Trump will direct the anti-option to establish a Combatant Command that will oversee all of our military activities in space. This Space Command will be the 11th Combatant Command in the U.S. military.





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Melania Trump 🎨 @FLOTUS - 27 Dec 2018

The men and women who serve in our nation's military give up so much so that we can be free. As and I were honored to surprise deployed troops at Al Asad Air Base in Iraq.







## Dan Scavino Jr. @ @Scavino45 - Jan 4

### ICYMI - President Trump Sends a Letter on Border Security to Congress:

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As we begin this new Congress, our first task should be to reopen the Contemporari and to deliver on our highest doty as elected officials: the security of the Nation and its borders.

It is the sovereign right of every findion to establish an immigration program in its national invetest. This trilly admitting those who have followed the rules, while densing entry to those who break the rules or fail to meet the requirements established in law

A nation that fails to control its borders cannot foitfit its must besic obligations to its entrens physical safety, economic security, essential public services, and the uniform protection of our laws.

I was grateful for the apportunity to meet with Congressional leadership at the White House this Wednesday to discuss the border security crisis, and the need for a government fending bill that secures the berder and keeps. Americans safe.

During the meeting, there was debate ever the nature and extent of this crisis and its impact on Americans. It had been my hope that Homeland Security Secretary Kirstien Nielsen would have the opportunity to deliver a presentation discussing the facts about the depth and seventy of the hummintarium crisis and the security crisis that is new unfolding at the Southern Border

However, some of those present did not want to bear the presentation at the time, and so I have instead decided to make the presentation available to aff Members of Congress. I encourage you to review it carefully, to share it with your staff, and to discuss it with other law makers. In crafting a Horneland Societity bill at is expensial that we make decisions based upon the tacts on the ground not idealogs, and thetrate - and that we listen to the law enforcement personnel on the fright lines. The Southern Border is a very dangerous place. In tact, Border Partol agents continely encounter some of the most dangerous criminals, critely, and traffickers am where in the world

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## Kellyanne Conway 🎨 @KellyannePolls - Jan 31 Big news.

Rep. Jim Jordan 🎋 @Jim Jordan

Largest fentanyl bust in history. Border Patrol seized enough fentanyl to kill 57 MILLION people.

That's more than the population of Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylva...

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# Kellyanne Conway 🦑 @KellyannePolls - Jan 31

Fentanyl is a word everyone should know

It kills thousands of Americans each year

Two milligrams can be lethal

It is laced into pills, heroin, cocaine, meth & marijuana

Our border patrol is amazing.

They deserve more respect, more resources.

## MSNBC : @MSNBC

JUST IN: Federal officials say they have made a huge fentanyl bust at port of entry at the Nogales, Arizona, border in a truck carrying produce.

Watch @PeteWilliamsNBC report the latest.







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Mark Knoller & @markknoller - 14 Dec 2018

"I know the answer, but I'm not telling you," says WH advisor to kelly and while, asked who the frontrunner is to be named WH Chief of Staff. In brief driveway exchange, she tells reporters she'll let the timeline for an announcement and its content, be up to the president.







## Kellyanne Conway 🏶 @KellyannePolls - 18 Dec 2018

the benefit of others.

Enjoyed welcoming him to the provided forms today.



## Eric Bolling 🥞 🖗 @ericbolling

Watch my hot topics interview with @KellyannePolls tonight on @WeAreSinclair stations.

Opioids

Vaping in America...



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Ronna McDaniel @ @GOPChairwoman - 19 Dec 2018

in a generation!

"It's a big win for the president. It's really a big win for those who have paid their debt to society and are ready for reentry." - Presignmentally















# **Kellyanne Conway** @ KellyannePolls · Feb 1 Listen for it.

## Allie Malloy 🖗 @AlliemalCNN

First WH reaction on Cory Booker running for 2020 from @KellyannePolls: "I think Cory Booker often sounds like a Hallmark card and not necessarily a person who's there to tell you everything he's accomplished in the United States Senate and as Mayor of Newark."

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**Kellyanne Conway** @ KellyannePolls · Feb 11 Read It and Weep.

**Washington Examiner** @dcexaminer

Democrats having a 'horrible' 2019, says @KellyannePolls
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Alyssa Farah 🦨 @VPPressSec - Feb 7

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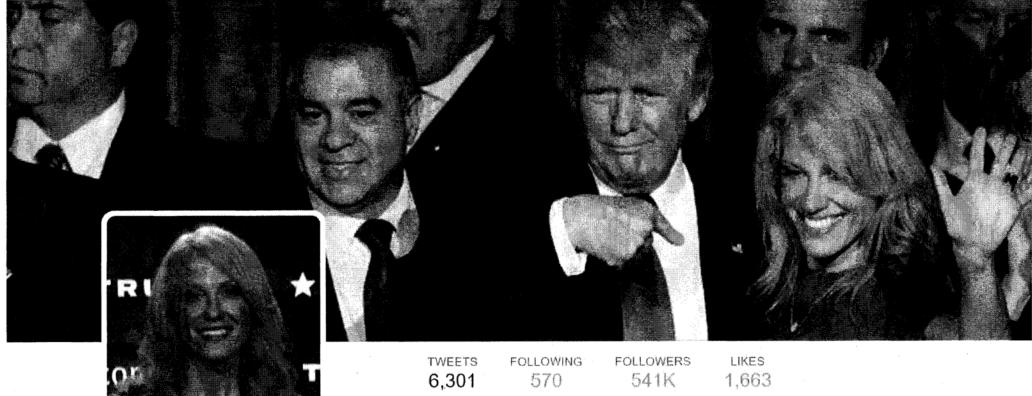
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**Emily Miller** © @EmilyMiller
"We live in extraordinary times." -@tedcruz #cruzcrew
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Kellyanne Conway: After 2 years wasted on the Russia probe, Democrats are running out of time for 2020



## Kellyanne Conway @

@KellyannePolls

We Won.

@ Donald, Trump.com

Joined January 2012

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Kellyanne Conway @KellyannePolls · 7h

speaking of goats, the is not my tw 8:37 AM - 20 Dec 2016 Merry Christmas! take a break from trolling. 2017 will be the best ever ...

Uncle Buck's Opinion @Paidsubscriber

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@KellyannePolls shows her true colors with this tweet she deleted lols 😂 but you can retweet it! Get her goat!



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The White House 🏶 @White louse - 🗁 -

Thousands of stories. Nonstop airtime. Two years of false claims, buried corrections, and walk-backs.

The American people deserve better.





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How is this real?

6:41 PM - 19 Mar 2019



Larry The Cable Guy : @GitRDoneLarry

Absolutely ridiculous! How many times do you have to feel a kid up to figure out he's not a threat? This is infuriating and hard to watch. RT @RealJamesWoods: Uh...

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### Kellyanne Conway 🦃 @KellyannePolls - 3 Nov 2018

In my travels, blue-collar workers especially ask me to thank (\$1000000 for keeping his promises, for providing them with more dignity and more dollars through his trade, tax and deregulation policies.

Vote which to keep the gains going.

#### Ronna McDaniel 🦃 @GOPChairwoman

If President Obama actually wants to keep score:

In 8 years, Obama had a net loss of 192,000 manufacturing and 111,500 mining jobs.

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## Kellyanne Conway 🤄 @KellyannePolls - 3 Nov 2018

The devealth and alternate economy has lifted industries, empowered workers, exploded growth and expanded opportunities.



#### FOX & friends 🦃 @foxandfriends

BOOMING ECONOMY: Take a look at the jobs added by sector



**Kellyanne Conway** (3) @KellyannePolis + 1 Nov 2018 Missed you, Wisconsin.

Vote for Scott Walker, and and Republicans who will protect freedom and free markets.

mechanical airplane problems while traveling from New Mexico, former Donald J. Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway has postponed her scheduled Wisconsin stop for U.S. Senate candidate Leah Vukmir on Thursday.

"Sadly, unforeseen mechanical aircraft issues have forced me to postpone my visit to the great state of Wisconsin today. The voters of Wisconsin have an important task on Tuesday: vote for Leah Vukmir and send her to the U.S. Senate," Kellyanne Conway said. "President Trump needs an ally like Leah to continue the recent economic boom; improve access, quality and affordability of health care; increase he respect and resources for our

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## Kellyanne Conway 🏶 @KellyannePolls · 1 Nov 2018

Missed you, #Michigan!

The stakes are high. The choice is clear.

Vote on Tuesday for @SchuetteOnDuty @JohnJamesMI @MIGOP

to protect prosperity and freedom.

Get to the polls!

Sterling Heights Event to Continue as Scheduled

LANSING, Mich., November 1st, 2018 –
Due to an aircraft malfunction the Honorable
Kellyanne Conway will be unable to attend
tonight's MIGOP Get out the Vote rally in
Sterling Heights. However, the event will
continue with the Republican Statewide ticket
as planned. Mrs. Conway is currently working
to reschedule, and hopes to visit Michigan
prior to election day.

When asked for comment Mrs. Conway sent the following statement: "I am highly disappointed that I will not be able to take part igan prior to the Election. I look forwing my support to Michigan's trements roots efforts. I am confident that or day, November 6, the people of Michance again vote to drain the swamp cared career politician Debbie Stabent retirement."

ght's event at Villa Penna in Sterling hts is scheduled to start at 7:00 pm v s opening at 6:00





## Kellyanne Conway 🧢 @KeliyannePoils - 1 Nov 2018 -

No. We were talking about how the site is an indefatigable campaigner and as he did in 2016 in Grand Rapids, MI, he will be active the day before and into Election Day. The schedule for Monday final and public days ago.

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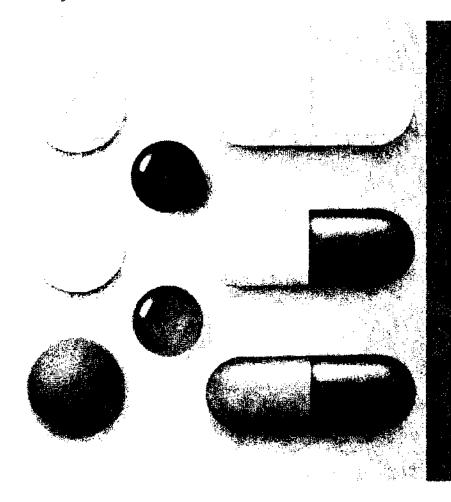




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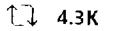
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What does Cory Booker have against all the women already running for President?

Are they not good enough?

Too weak?

Not likeable?

(They're certainly liberal enough)

(Pretend he's a Republican when you read this)



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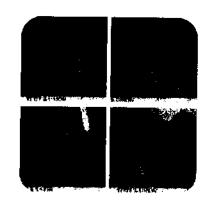
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Democratic platform for #2020:

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### Ronna McDaniel @ @GOPChairwoman

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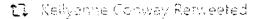
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Democrat Mary Gay Scanlon just used a Congressional hearing to compare U.S. border patrol officers to Nazis.

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# Kellyanne Conway 🗇 @KellyannePolls - Oct 3

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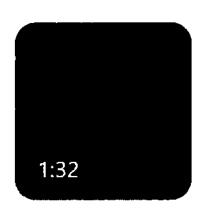
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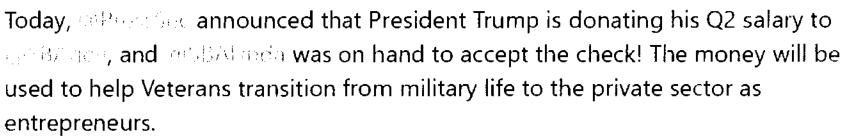


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# Kellyanne Conway joins Trump administration as counselor to the president

Kellyanne Conway, campaign manager



WASHINGTON, Dec 22 (Reuters) - U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday named his former campaign manager Kellyanne Conway to serve as counselor to the president, his transition team said in a statement.

Conway, 49, currently a senior adviser on Trump's transition team, is widely credited with

and senior advisor to the Trumo Presidential Transition Team, speaks to the media in the lobby of Trump Tower in Manhattan, New York, U.S., December 15. 2016. PLUFERS/Ehizaron Stadiction

helping him bring a more disciplined approach to campaigning that helped him win the November presidential election.

In her new post, Conway will play a key advisory role in the White House when Trump takes office on Jan. 20, helping to manage the New York businessman's messaging and legislative priorities, according to the statement.

Trump said Conway "played a crucial role in my victory. She is a tireless and tenacious advocate of my agenda and has amazing insights on how to effectively communicate our message."

In an interview with ABC News shortly after the announcement, Conway said Trump was finalizing his communications staff and



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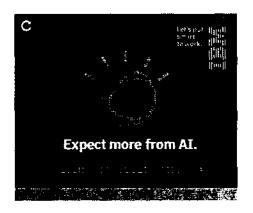
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Meet the 22year-old college kid with her own vegan restaurant was preparing to announce his choices for White House press secretary and related posts soon but gave no other details.



Asked when Trump would hold his first news conference after canceling one earlier this month, Conway avoided directly answering the question. Trump has held several rallies since winning the Nov. 8 election but has not taken formal questions from reporters.

Speaking on ABC's "Good Morning America" program, Conway pointed to Trump's time spent forming his Cabinet. "He's been very busy doing that," she said.

Here's the full release announcing Conway's new position:

(Palm Beach, FL)—President-elect Donald J. Trump today announced his selection of Kellyanne Conway to serve as Counselor to the President. Conway has been serving as a senior member of the President-elect's transition team and previously served as the campaign manager of his successful run for the presidency.

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"Kellyanne Conway has been a trusted advisor and strategist who played a crucial role in my victory. She is a tireless and tenacious advocate of my agenda and has amazing insights on how to effectively communicate our message. I am pleased that she will be part of my senior team in the West Wing," said President-elect Trump.

President-elect Trump's victory on November 8th also shattered the glass ceiling for women. Comway is the first female campaign manager of either major party to win a presidential general election.

"I want to thank the President-elect for this amazing opportunity. A Trump presidency will bring real change to Washington and to Americans across this great nation. I am humbled and honored to play a role in helping transform the movement he has led into a real agenda of action and results," said Conway.



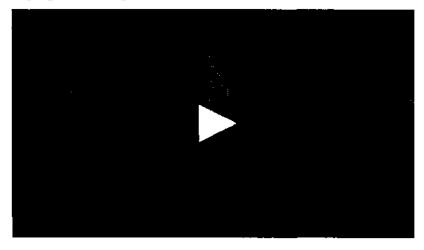
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Conway graduated magna cum laude from Trinity College (Washington, DC) and holds a J.D. with honors from George Washington University Law School. She is the founder and owner of The Polling Company, inc./WomanTrend, a polling and research firm that for 21 years has served leading political figures, nonprofits and companies.

(Reporting by Eric Walsh; Editing by Susan Heavey and Jeffrey Benkoe)

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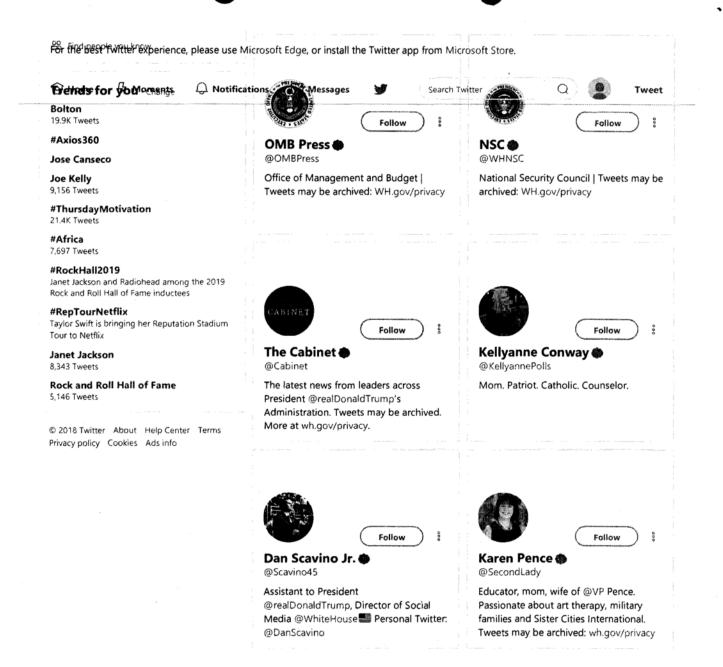
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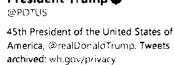
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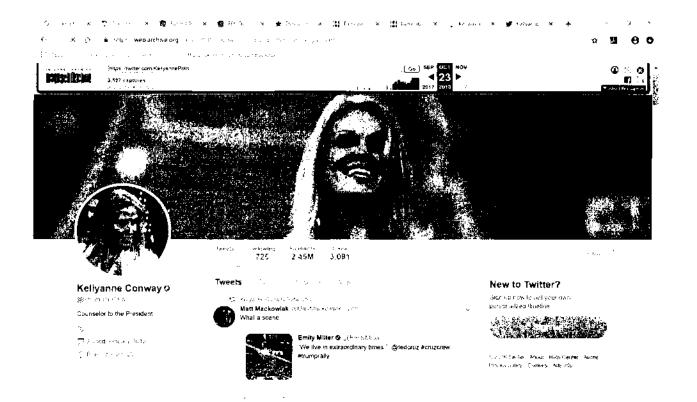
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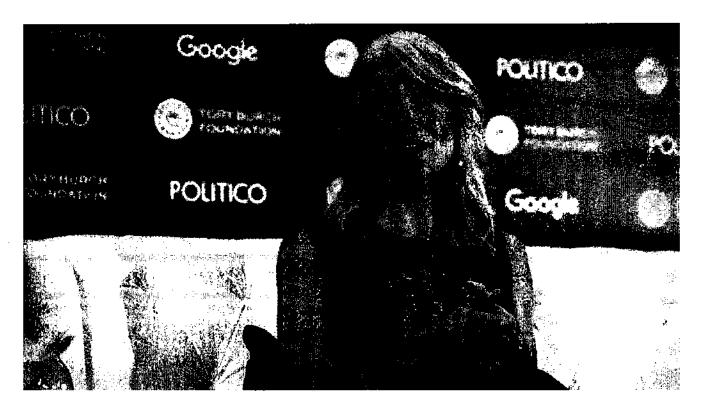


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### Trump creates competing power centers in his West Wing

The president-elect's appointments promise the same competition for his ear that occurred throughout the campaign and transition.

By LOUIS NELSON | 12/22/2016 07:07 AM EST

President-elect Donald Trump began to fill out his senior team in the West Wing on Thursday, naming campaign manager Kellyanne Conway as his counselor and installing Republican National Committee chief strategist Sean Spicer as his press secretary, one of the most public and prominent jobs in the administration.

Trump also filled out more of his communications staff, appointing campaign spokesman Jason Miller to be communications director, campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks to be



strategic communications director and Dan Scavino, who ran social media for Trump's campaign, to do the same for his White House.

Those three, along with Spicer, were also given the title of assistant to the president.

The flurry of announcements ended weeks of rumors and jockeying for position among Trump's campaign veterans and supporters. Of the four, Hicks and Scavino are so-called Trump originals who were with him from the start. Other longtime aides have worried that they were being frozen out in favor of more recent hires like Conway and Miller and members of the GOP establishment like Spicer and incoming White House chief of staff Reince Priebus.

One such loyalist — Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager — on Wednesday announced that he will start a lobbying firm in D.C. rather than accept a White House job other than the one he wanted.

### Trump names his White House communications team By NOLAN D. MCCASKILL

With Priebus as his chief of staff, Steve Bannon as his chief strategist and Conway as his counselor, Trump has set up three competing power centers in his administration, promising a continuation of the competition for his car that occurred throughout the campaign and the transition process.

In the first of two announcements on Thursday, Trump's transition team said Conway will "continue her role as a close advisor to the president and will work with senior leadership to effectively message and execute the Administration's legislative priorities and actions."

"Kellyanne Conway has been a trusted advisor and strategist who played a crucial role in my victory. She is a tireless and tenacious advocate of my agenda and has amazing insights on how to effectively communicate our message. I am pleased that she will be part of my senior team in the West Wing," Trump said in a statement.

Conway, who joined Trump's campaign as it was mired in controversy over the summer and managed it to a surprise victory last month, had previously said she was hesitant to accept a White House role because such a job would take her away from her four young children. She had previously hinted that she would turn down a position inside the White House. Ultimately, Conway told MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Thursday morning that "it's very difficult to say no," to a White House job, "and the president-elect is a very persuasive man."



Conway, in her new position, will be the highest-ranking woman in the White House. On Thursday morning, she noted that past counselors to the president have included Karen Hughes, who filled that role for President George W. Bush, and Edwin Meese, who worked for President Ronald Reagan. She said that while her job title is not novel, her duties and responsibilities will not be modeled after any particular predecessor but will be specific to Trump's administration.

### PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION What it takes to get a meeting with Trump By JOSH DAWSEY

Conway, a veteran GOP pollster, has been one of his most visible spokespersons, both before and after Election Day, and she told CNN's "New Day" that she expects to keep communications as one aspect of her new job, even as Spicer, Hicks, Miller and Scavino also play prominent roles.

Dealing with data and strategy, pulling from her background, is also likely to be part of her new position, a role she said was established in her discussions with Trump's son-in-law and close adviser Jared Kushner. Speaking with MSNBC, Conway said she expects Trump will ask her to continue serving as a "discreet adviser" and somebody who "supports him in his effective connecting and communicating with America."

"Well, the portfolio will be whatever the president wants it to be," Conway said in explaining her new position to CNN anchor Chris Cuomo. "I'm just really pleased and frankly very humbled, Chris, to take on this role in the West Wing, near the president, and to be supportive of the senior team that he already has in place, colleagues of mine that I've worked together very closely with throughout the campaign and the transition."

The incoming counselor to the president said Thursday morning that her concerns about White House work taking her away from her children were ultimately assuaged by seeing Trump spend time with his own children and grandchildren and by her decades-long relationships with female employees of Trump's companies. Conway said three of her four children are excited about the family's move from New Jersey to Washington, although her 12-year-old daughter did begin a "keep the Conway kids from moving to Washington" online petition. "When you're a pollster and you have 75 percent agreement on anything, you're really excited. When you're a mother, 100 percent agreement would be fantastic, so we're getting there," Conway told "Fox & Friends."



### Democrats aim to launch comeback with Cabinet showdown By BURGESS EVERETT

At an event hosted by POLITICO earlier this month, Conway suggested that the demands placed on any White House staffer are especially difficult for mothers, a predicament she said many men do not understand.

"I do politely mention to them the question isn't would you take the job, the male sitting across from me who's going to take a big job in the White House. The question is would you want your wife to," she continued. "Would you want the mother of children to? You really see their entire visage change. It's like, 'Oh, no, they wouldn't want their wife to take that job."

Asked Thursday morning on Fox Business Network if she would have enough time to do her job and still be a full-time mother, Conway responded, "I don't play golf and I don't have a mistress so, I have a lot of time that a lot of these other men don't."

The transition team statement announcing Conway's White House position also seemingly jabbed at Democrat Hillary Clinton, who spoke often of shattering the "glass ceiling" by becoming the first woman elected to be president. Conway, the Trump team statement noted, is the first woman to manage a winning presidential campaign and as such, the Manhattan billionaire's campaign had "shattered the glass ceiling for women."

Shane Goldmacher contributed to this report.

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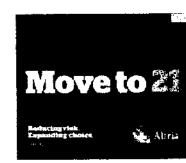
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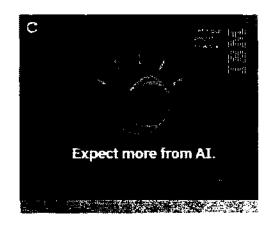
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"Kellyanne Conway has been a trusted advisor and strategist who played a crucial role in my victory. She is a tireless and tenacious advocate of my agenda and has amazing insights on how to effectively communicate our message. I am pleased that she will be part of my senior team in the West Wing," said President-elect Trump.

President-elect Trump's victory on November 8th also shattered the glass ceiling for women. Conway is the first female campaign manager of either major party to win a presidential general election.

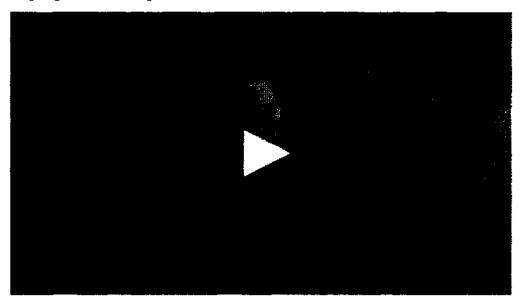
"I want to thank the President-elect for this amazing opportunity. A Trump presidency will bring real change to Washington and to Americans across this great nation. I am humbled and honored to play a role in helping transform the movement he has led into a real agenda of action and results,' said Conway.



Conway graduated magna cum laude from Trinity College (Washington, DC) and holds a J.D. with honors from George Washington University Law School. She is the founder and owner of The Polling Company, inc./WomanTrend, a polling and research firm that for 21 years has served leading political figures, nonprofits and companies.

(Reporting by Eric Walsh: Editing by Susan Heavey and Jeffrey Benkoe)

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# COMPLAINT OF POSSIBLE PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY (VIOLATION OF THE HATCH ACT)

### INFORMATION ABOUT FILING A COMPLAINT WITH OSC

This complaint form can be used to file complaints alleging violations of the Hatch Act by federal, District of Columbia, state and local and nonprofit organization employees. While it is no t required that this complaint form be used, use of this form will be helpful to OSC in expediting the processing and in vestigating of complaints. Please complete the information requested below as fully and accurately as possible.

### SEND COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS TO:

By Mail:

Hatch Act Unit

Office of Special Counsel 1730 M Street, N.W. (Suite 218) Washington, DC 20036-4505

By Fax:

(202) 254-3700

Electronically: <u>WWW.OSC.GOV</u> (AT "FILE COMPLAINTS ONLINE")

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR COMPLAINT, ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, AND ANY ADDITIONAL
ALLEGATIONS SENT IN WRITING TO OSC NOW, OR AT ANY TIME WHILE YOUR COMPLAINT IS PENDING
REPRODUCTION CHARGES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT MAY APPLY TO ANY REQUEST YOU
MAKE FOR COPIES OF MATERIALS THAT YOU PROVIDED TO OSC.

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE HATCH ACT

The Hatch Act prohibits federal, District of Columbia, some state and local and nonprofit organization employees from engaging in certain types of political activities. <u>See</u> 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321- 7326 and 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508.

#### Federal Employees are generally prohibited from:

- 1. Using their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.
- 2. Soliciting, accepting, or receiving political contributions (with some exceptions).
- 3. Running for nomination or as candidates for partisan political office.
- 4. Soliciting or discouraging the participation in political activity of any person who has business before their employing agency.
- 5. Engaging in political activity while on duty, in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties, while wearing a uniform or official insignia, or while using a vehicle owned or leased by the United States government.

### State and Local Employees are prohibited from\*:

- 1. Using their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election or a nomination for office.
- 2. Coercing, attempting to coerce, commanding, or advising a State or local officer or employee to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency, or person for political purposes,
- 3. Being a candidate for partisan political office.
- \* Employees of some private, nonprofit organizations are subject to the same restrictions on political activity that apply to covered state and local employees.

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# COMPLAINT OF POSSIBLE PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY (VIOLATION OF THE HATCH ACT)

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through my twitter account where someone posted her quote.
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### PART 4: CONSENT TO CERTAIN DISCLOSURES OF INFORMATION

OSC asks everyone who files a complaint alleging a possible prohibited political activity (violation of the Hatch Act) to select one of three Consent Statements shown below. <u>IF YOU DO NOT SELECT ONE OF THE THREE CONSENT STATEMENTS BELOW, OSC WILL ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED CONSENT STATEMENT 1</u>. Please: (a) select and sign (or check, if filing electronically) one of the Consent Statements below; and (b) keep a copy of the Consent Statement you select (as well as a copy of all documents that you send to OSC) for your own records.

If you initially select a Consent S tatement that restricts OSC's use of information, you may later select a less restrictive Consent Statement. If your selection of Consent Statement 2 or 3 prevents OSC from being able to conduct an investigation, an OSC representative will contact you, explain the circumstances, and provide you with an opportunity to select a less restrictive Consent Statement.

You should be aware that the Privacy Act allows information in OSC case files to be used or disclosed for certain purposes, regardless of which Consent Statement you sign. See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b). Information about certain circumstances under which OSC can use or disclose information under the Privacy Act appears on the next page.

# Consent Statement 1 I consent to OSC's communication with the pertinent individuals involved in my complaint. I agree to allow OSC to disclose my identity as the complainant, and information from or about me, if OS C decides that such disclosure is needed to investigate the allegation(s) in my complaint. I underst and that regardless of the Consent Statement I choose, OSC may disclose information from my complaint file when permitted by the Privacy Act (including circumstances summarized in Part 5, below). Complainant's Signature for Consent Statement 1 Date Signed

### Consent Statement 2

Consent Statement 3

I consent to OSC's communication with the pertinent individuals involved in my complaint, but I do not agree to allow OSC to disclose my identity as the complainant. I agree to allow OSC to disclose only information from or about me, without disclosing my name or other identifying information, if OSC decides that such disclosure is needed to investigate the allegation(s) in my complaint. I understand that in some circumstances OSC could not maintain my anonymity while communicating with the pertinent individuals. In such cases, I understand that this request for confidentiality might prevent OSC from taking further action on my complaint. I also understand that regardless of the Consent Statement I choose, OSC may disclose information from my complaint file when permit (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Complainant's Signature for Consent Statement 2 5/30/19

Date Signed

I do <u>not</u> consent to OSC's communication with the pertinent individuals involved in my complaint. I understand that if OSC decides that it cannot investigate the allegation(s) in my complaint without communicating with these individuals, my lack of consent will p robably prevent OSC from taking further a ction on the complaint. I understand that regardless of the C onsent Statement I choose, OSC may disclose information from my complaint file when permitted by the Privacy Act (including circumstances summarized in Part 5, below).

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### PART 5: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

### PART 6: PRIVACY ACT / PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENTS

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- 4. to the MSPB or the President, when seeking disciplinary action;
- 5. to the involved agency, MSPB, OPM, or the President when OSC has reason to believe that a prohibited personnel practice has occurred, exists, or is to be taken;
- 6. to disclose information to Congress in OSC's annual report;
- to disclose information to third parties as needed to conduct an investigation; obtain an agency investigation and report on information disclosed to OSC's whistleblower disclosure channel; or to give notice of the status or outcome of an investigation;
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- to the Office of Manage ment and B udget (OMB) for certain legislative coordination and clearance purposes;

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- 10, to provide in formation from an individual's record to a congressional office acting pursuant to the individual's request;
- 11. to furnish information to the National Archives and Records Administration for records management purposes;
- 12. to produce summary statistics and work force or other studies;
- 13. to provide information to the Department of Justice as needed for certain litigation purposes;
- 14. to provide information to courts or adjudicative bodies as needed for certain litigation purposes;
- 15. to disclose information to the MSPB as needed in special studies authorized by law;
- 16. for coordination with an agency's Office of Inspector General or comparable entity, to facilitate the coordination and conduct of investigations and review of allegations;
- 17. to news media or the public in certain circumstances (except when the Special Counsel determines that disclosure in a particular case would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy); and
- 18. to the Department of Labor and others as needed to implement the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and the Veterans' Employment Opportunities Act of 1998.

If OSC officials believe that disclosure may be appropriate in a situation not covered by one of OSC's routine uses, or one of the 11 other exceptions to the Priv acy Act's general prohibition on disclosure, OSC will seek written authorization from the complainant permitting the disclosure.

<u>Purposes, Burdens, and Other Information.</u> An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and persons may not be required to respond to a collection of information, unless it: (a) has been approved by OMB; and (b) displays a currently valid OMB control number. The information in this form is collected pursuant to OSC's legal responsibility to investigate: (a) allegations of prohibited political activity (5 U.S.C. § 1216). The information will be reviewed by OSC to determine whether the facts establish its jurisdiction over the subject of the complaint, and whether further investigation and disciplinary action is warranted. The reporting burden for this collection of information is esti mated to be an average of 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the form. Please send any comments about this burden estimate, and suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Special Counsel, Legal Counsel and Policy Oivision, 1730 M Street, N.W. (Suite 218), Washington, DC 20036-4505.

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I certify that all of the statements made in this complaint (including any continuation pages) are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement or concealment of a material fact is a criminal offense punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000, imprisonment for up to five years, or both. 18.U.S.C. § 1001.

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## Yarbro, Jacqueline

From:

HatchAct

Sent:

Monday, May 13, 2019 1:04 PM

To:

Delaney Marsco

Subject:

RE: Hatch Act Complaint Regarding Kellyanne Conway

Dear Ms. Marsco,

I confirm receipt of your complaint and apologize that it took a few days to get back to you. We will open a file to investigate this matter.

Regards,

Eric Johnson

Attorney, Hatch Act Unit

U.S. Office of Special Counsel

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From: Delaney Marsco (b)(6); pcampaignlegalcenter.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2019 3:04 PM **To:** HatchAct <HatchAct@osc.gov>

Subject: Hatch Act Complaint Regarding Kellyanne Conway

Hello Hatch Act Unit,

I hope all is well. I am writing to submit a Hatch Act Complaint regarding Senior Counselor and Assistant to the President Kellyanne Conway.

I have attached the complaint, as well as the completed form provided on your website. If possible, could you confirm receipt? Please let me know if a fax is necessary—happy to provide that as well.

Many thanks, and enjoy the rest of your week.

Best,

**Delaney Marsco** 

Legal Counsel, Ethics

202.734 (b)(6); @DelaneyMarsco

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## **CODE 959**

Date: 5/8/19

Please open this correspondence as a Hatch Act <u>complaint</u>. This complaint alleges a Hatch Act violation by a **federal/state** (please circle one) employee. Information necessary to open a file for this complaint is provided below.

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## Johnson, Eric

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May 8, 2019

Ms. Ana Galindo-Marrone Chief, Hatch Act Unit U.S. Office of Special Counsel 1730 M Street NW Suite 218 Washington, DC 20036-4505

Dear Ms. Galindo-Marrone:

The Campaign Legal Center ("CLC") respectfully submits the following Hatch Act complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel ("OSC") against Kellyanne Conway, the Senior Counselor to the President.

CLC has submitted two prior complaints regarding Ms. Conway. The first complaint arose from a November 20, 2017, interview with Fox & Friends, in which she used her official authority to advocate against then Senate candidate Doug Jones in the Alabama Senate race. We subsequently filed another complaint on December 7, 2017 following a CNN New Day interview in which Ms. Conway again used her official authority to advocate against the election of Doug Jones and for the election of Jones' opponent, Roy Moore. <sup>2</sup>

After reviewing Ms. Conway's conduct, your office concluded that she "impermissibly mixed official government business with political views about candidates in the Alabama special election for U.S. Senate," and referred the matter to the President for appropriate disciplinary action.<sup>3</sup> Upon your referral, the White House disputed your office's findings, and it remains unclear whether Ms. Conway faced any disciplinary action since.<sup>4</sup>

Ms. Conway has violated the Hatch Act again. In several televised interviews between April 30 and May 1, 2019, on the White House driveway, Ms. Conway, speaking in her official capacity, disparaged the primary campaign efforts of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, effectively eampaigning against him.

In comments to reporters on April 30, 2019, Ms. Conway stood in the White House driveway and diverted discussions about the economy and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CLC Complaint to OSC Regarding Kellyanne Conway Hatch Act Violation, CAMPAIGN LEGAL CTR. (Nov. 29, 2017), https://doi.iv/2DXF0oD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CLC Complaint to OSC Regarding Kellyanne Conway Hatch Act Violation, CAMPAIGN LEGAL CTR. (Dec. 7, 2017), https://bit.ly/2G/2en4h.

U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Letter on Prohibited Political Activity Under the Hatch Act to the President 10 (Mar. 6, 2018), <a href="https://bit.ly/2HeoT5d">https://bit.ly/2HeoT5d</a> (OSC File No. HA-18-0966 (Kellyanne Conway)).

Alexander Mallin, Kellyanne Conway Says She Discussed Hatch Act Violations with President Trump, ABC News (Mar. 8, 2018), <a href="https://abcn.ws/2CYd98t">https://abcn.ws/2CYd98t</a> ("She didn't advocate for or against the election of any particular candidate," press secretary Sarah Sanders said in her briefing on Wednesday. 'She simply expressed the President's obvious position specific to policy, that he have people in the House and Senate who would support his agenda.").

healthcare to an attack on Mr. Biden. After saying President Trump was responsible for a "booming" middle class, she pivoted, unprompted, to criticize Mr. Biden's campaign promise to rebuild the middle class. Ms. Conway made clear that she was speaking in her official capacity as a Trump administration official when she said, "[w]e inherited that big mess and are turning that battleship around." Ms. Conway then contrasted Biden's campaign statements with the President's record.

After another minute of general policy discussions unrelated to Mr. Biden, Ms. Conway again diverted the discussion into a political attack, stating, unprompted: "By the way, while I'm on the subject of Biden, since he is hovering over everything now," and then proceeded to speculate about Mr. Biden's campaign positions on healthcare and infrastructure, and again criticized his record and contrasted it with President Trump's record.<sup>8</sup>

Toward the end of the interview, after discussing administration policy on topics ranging from infrastructure to healthcare, a reporter said to Ms. Conway: "You brought up Joe Biden several times unprompted . . . ." Ms. Conway replied that her comments were not "unprompted," since Mr. Biden was a frontrunner in the polls.9 Although Ms. Conway had been ending the interview and walking away from the podium, following this question she returned to the podium to discuss the Democratic primary at length, and to disparage the candidacy of Mr. Biden and the other candidate she described as the frontrunner, Bernie Sanders. 10 She accused Mr. Biden of lying about refusing President Obama's endorsement: "I know he said I asked President Obama not to endorse me, I'm too busy getting the endorsement of the firefighters, but I don't want a popular president among the Democrats—first African American president—to endorse me.' Do any one of you believe that? You let him get away with his first lie."11 Ms. Conway then criticized Mr. Sanders' record<sup>12</sup> before shifting back to the current administration's policy plans for healthcare, insisting she is part of a "very large team" that is working on healthcare. 13

The next day, on May 1, 2019, Ms. Conway again mockingly stated in an interview on White House property: "Oh, we must be worried about Biden," apparently referencing the Trump campaign as a potential general election opponent to Mr. Biden. <sup>14</sup> Ms. Conway then declared the interview a "free commercial about all the things Joe Biden didn't get done for the eight

Kellyanne Conway Comments to Reporters at the White House 10:44-11:01, C-SPAN (Apr. 30, 2019), <a href="https://cs.pn/2ZTOaM5">https://cs.pn/2ZTOaM5</a> ("You've got middle class is booming now, despite what Joe Biden says. I don't know exactly what country he is talking about, when he says rebuilding the middle class. He also just sounds like someone who wasn't vice president for eight years. He's got this whole list of grievances about what's wrong with the country, as if he didn't have—as if he wasn't in that building for eight years.").

<sup>6</sup> Id. at 11:01-11:05.

<sup>7</sup> Id. at 11:11-11:30.

Id. at 12:02-12:50 ("Is [Biden] for Medicare for all? Because Medicare for all means Obamacare didn't work. So I'm just curious if he's dumped Obama-Biden-care...And is he against infrastructure because he sat in this place—I've been here for just over two years—he was here for over eight, he's been in government for nearly 50 years. Why are the roads and bridges crumbling? Why is our air traffic control system in such disrepair? Why do those water mains break? Why do they look the other way at so many things? More people are coming out of prison, more people are going into the workforce, more people are in drug treatment, more people are not under of the yoke of regulation, because of this president, not because of him and the president he served.").

Id. at 26:02-26:09.

<sup>10</sup> Id. at 26:16-26:42.

<sup>11</sup> Id. at 28:21-28:36.

<sup>12</sup> Id. at 28:50-29:09 ("...[H]e's a lot like Donald Trump except for good ideas. Ideas that are mainstream and ideas that are part of a democracy and not socialism.").

Id. at 29:13.

years he was vice president." <sup>16</sup> To clarify any confusion about whether she was discussing Mr. Biden as a presidential primary candidate, she continued: "It will be fascinating to watch the other candidates who are tied with a margin of error in most polls in the Democratic—I can talk about them too, if you'd like, no problem . . . ." <sup>16</sup>

Ms. Conway's remarks, delivered in her official capacity on White House property, were an obvious attempt to use her official authority to advocate for the defeat of a particular candidate, Mr. Biden. She unequivocally suggested that Mr. Biden, as a current Democratic presidential candidate, lied about an endorsement, and she attacked his tenure as vice president and criticized his campaign pledges. This plainly violates the Hatch Act.

The Hatch Act prohibits a federal employee from using official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of an election. See 5 U.S.C. § 7323(a)(1). Hatch Act regulations make clear that the use of official authority includes, but is not limited to, instances where an employee uses the employee's official title or position while participating in political activity. See 5 C.F.R. § 734.302(b)(1). Political activity is defined as activity directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group. See 5 C.F.R. § 734.101.

In finding that Ms. Conway's comments during her Fox & Friends and New Day interviews were given in her official capacity, your office considered "the official arrangement of the interview, the use of her official title, the discussion of official topics, and her standing in front of the White House during the interview." Similarly, the remarks at issue here were delivered on White House property, with the White House and the Executive Office buildings clearly visible in the background during some segments of the interviews. Ms. Conway discussed official topics alongside comments related to Democratic primary candidates, moving seamlessly between administration policy priorities and political attacks. The location of the interview and the topics discussed demonstrate that Ms. Conway was speaking in her official capacity as a Senior Counselor to the President.

Ms. Conway is free to discuss current events, policy issues, and matters of public interest, but may not use her official position to advocate against the election of a candidate for partisan political office. <sup>16</sup> Ms. Conway's remarks were not simply a comment on a past administration's policies or a critique of a former vice president's job performance. They were unprompted "intentional partisan jabs" at a candidate for the 2020 presidential election. She specifically criticized Mr. Biden's endorsements and policy positions taken as a primary candidate, and referenced his polling relationship to other Democrats in the race. Her remarks were clearly attempts to advocate for the defeat of Mr. Biden, a candidate for partisan political office.

As your office has noted before, Ms. Conway has had numerous opportunities to study her obligations under the Hatch Act. <sup>20</sup> Last year, your office found that Ms. Conway violated the Hatch Act under strikingly similar circumstances, which certainly put her on heightened notice that her conduct during these interviews would break the law.

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<sup>15</sup> Id. at 1:39.

<sup>16</sup> Id. at 2:06-2:14.

U.S. Office of Special Counsel, supra note 3, at 8.

U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Hatch Act Federal Frequently Asked Questions, https://osc.gov/Pages/HatchAct-FAQs.aspx (last visited May 3, 2019).

U.S. Office of Special Counsel, supra note 3, at 8.

Id. at 5-6.

Even one violation of the Hatch Act could result in removal from federal service, suspension, reprimand, or civil penalties. See 5 U.S.C. § 7326. Your office has repeatedly sought removal of, or lengthy suspensions for, executive branch employees who violate the Hatch Act. <sup>21</sup> Ms. Conway's repeated, knowing, and willful violations warrant a lengthy suspension or removal from federal service, or the message to the broader federal workforce will be that the rules do not matter.

We therefore ask that OSC open an investigation into Ms. Conway's conduct. If OSC finds she violated the Hatch Act, it should recommend that the President take appropriate action, including her removal from federal service or, at least, the imposition of a lengthy unpaid suspension.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_ Brendan M. Fischer Director, Federal Reform

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_ Delaney N. Marsco Ethics Counsel

Campaign Legal Center 1101 14th St. NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20005

For example, OSC sought removal of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration employee for repeated Hatch Act violations. U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, JUDGE ORDERS REMOVAL OF NOAA EMPLOYEE FOR HATCH ACT VIOLATIONS, (Jan. 31, 2017), https://osc.gov/News/pr17-04.pdf. In 2015, OSC secured a 112-day suspension for a Federal Emergency Management Agency employee who engaged in partisan political activity in the workplace and solicited political contributions. U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, MSPB ORDERS REMOVAL OF EMPLOYEE FOR HATCH ACT VIOLATIONS (June 18, 2015), https://osc.gov/News/pr15-13.pdf. In 2014, OSC secured the resignation of a Federal Election Commission (FEC) attorney who had posted partisan political tweets and participated in an online media interview from an FEC facility where she criticized the Republican Party and its presidential candidate. U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, OSC OBTAINS DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN TWO HATCH ACT CASES (Apr. 29, 2014), https://osc.gov/News/pr14-09.pdf. That same year, OSC entered into a settlement agreement with an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employee who agreed to a 100-day unpaid suspension for urging callers to an IRS help line to reelect President Obama. U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, OSC OBTAINS DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN TWO HATCH ACT CASES (July 10, 2014), https://osc.gov/News/pr14-13.pdf. OSC also secured a 14-day suspension of an IRS employee who criticized Republicans in her conversations with a taxpayer, despite the employee stating "I'm not supposed to voice my opinion, so you didn't hear me saying that." U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, OSC ENFORCES HATCH ACT IN A SERIES OF IRS CASES (Apr. 9, 2014), https://osc.gov/News/pr14-06.pdf.

# COMPLAINT OF POSSIBLE PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY (VIOLATION OF THE HATCH ACT)

#### INFORMATION ABOUT FILING A COMPLAINT WITH OSC

This complaint form can be used to file complaints alleging violations of the Hatch Act by federal, District of Columbia, state and local and nonprofit organization employees. While it is not required that this complaint form be used, use of this form will be helpful to OSC in expediting the processing and investigating of complaints. Please complete the information requested below as fully and accurately as possible.

SEND COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS TO:

By Mail:

Hatch Act Unit

Office of Special Counsel 1730 M Street, N.W. (Suite 218) Washington, DC 20036-4505

By Fax:

(202) 254-3700

<u>Electronically</u>: <u>WWW.OSC.GOV</u> (AT "FILE COMPLAINTS ONLINE")

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR COMPLAINT, ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, AND ANY ADDITIONAL
ALLEGATIONS SENT IN WRITING TO OSC NOW, OR AT ANY TIME WHILE YOUR COMPLAINT IS PENDING.
REPRODUCTION CHARGES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT MAY APPLY TO ANY REQUEST YOU
MAKE FOR COPIES OF MATERIALS THAT YOU PROVIDED TO OSC.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE HATCH ACT

The Hatch Act prohibits federal, District of Columbia, some state and local and nonprofit organization employees from engaging in certain types of political activities. See 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-7326 and 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508.

#### Federal Employees are generally prohibited from:

- 1. Using their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.
- 2. Soliciting, accepting, or receiving political contributions (with some exceptions).
- 3. Running for nomination or as candidates for partisan political office.
- 4. Soliciting or discouraging the participation in political activity of any person who has business before their employing agency.
- 5. Engaging in political activity while on duty, in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties, while wearing a uniform or official insignia, or while using a vehicle owned or leased by the United States government.

#### State and Local Employees are prohibited from\*;

- 1. Using their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election or a nomination for office.
- 2. Coercing, attempting to coerce, commanding, or advising a State or local officer or employee to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency, or person for political purposes.
- 3. Being a candidate for partisan political office.
- \* Employees of some private, nonprofit organizations are subject to the same restrictions on political activity that apply to covered state and local employees.

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#### PART 4: CONSENT TO CERTAIN DISCLOSURES OF INFORMATION

OSC asks everyone who files a complaint alleging a possible prohibited political activity (violation of the Hatch Act) to select one of three Consent Statements shown below. IF YOU DO NOT SELECT ONE OF THE THREE CONSENT STATEMENTS BELOW, OSC WILL ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED CONSENT STATEMENT 1. Please: (a) select and sign (or check, if filing electronically) one of the Consent Statements below; and (b) keep a copy of the Consent Statement you select (as well as a copy of all documents that you send to OSC) for your own records.

If you initially select a Consent Statement that restricts OSC's use of information, you may later select a less restrictive Consent Statement. If your selection of Consent Statement 2 or 3 prevents OSC from being able to conduct an investigation, an OSC representative will contact you, explain the circumstances, and provide you with an opportunity to select a less restrictive Consent Statement.

You should be aware that the Privacy Act allows information in OSC case files to be used or disclosed for certain purposes, regardless of which Consent Statement you sign. See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b). Information about certain circumstances under which OSC can use or disclose information under the Privacy Act appears on the next page.

#### (Please sign one)

#### Consent Statement 1

I consent to OSC's communication with the pertinent individuals involved in my complaint. I agree to allow OSC to disclose my identity as the complainant, and information from or about me, if OSC decides that such disclosure is needed to investigate the allegation(s) in my complaint. I understand that regardless of the Consent Statement I choose, OSC may disclose information from my complaint file when permitted by the Privacy Act (including circumstances summarized in Part 5, below).

Delaney Marsco (e/s) May 8, 2019

Complainant's Signature for Consent Statement 1 Date Signed

#### Consent Statement 2

I consent to OSC's communication with the pertinent individuals involved in my complaint, but I do not agree to allow OSC to disclose my identity as the complainant. I agree to allow OSC to disclose only information from or about me, without disclosing my name or other identifying information, if OSC decides that such disclosure is needed to investigate the allegation(s) in my complaint. I understand that in some circumstances OSC could not maintain my anonymity while communicating with the pertinent individuals. In such cases, I understand that this request for confidentiality might prevent OSC from taking further action on my complaint. I also understand that regardless of the Consent Statement I choose, OSC may disclose information from my complaint file when permitted by the Privacy Act (including circumstances summarized in Part 5, below).

Complainant's Signature for Consent Statement 2 Date Signed

#### Consent Statement 3

I do <u>not</u> consent to DSC's communication with the pertinent individuals involved in my complaint. I understand that if OSC decides that it cannot investigate the allegation(s) in my complaint without communicating with these individuals, my lack of consent will probably prevent OSC from taking further action on the complaint. I understand that regardless of the Consent Statement I choose, OSC may disclose information from my complaint file when permitted by the Privacy Act (including circumstances summarized in Part 5, below).

Complainant's Signature for Consent Statement 3

Date Signed

#### COMPLAINT OF POSSIBLE PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT VIOLATION)

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- 10. to provide information from an individual's record to a congressional office acting pursuant to the individual's request;
- 11. to furnish information to the National Archives and Records Administration for records management purposes;
- 12. to produce summary statistics and work force or other studies;
- 13. to provide information to the Department of Justice as needed for certain litigation purposes;
- 14. to provide information to courts or adjudicative bodies as needed for certain litigation purposes;
- 15. to disclose information to the MSPB as needed in special studies authorized by law;
- for coordination with an agency's Office of Inspector General or comparable entity, to facilitate the coordination and conduct of investigations and review of allegations;
- 17. to news media or the public in certain circumstances (except when the Special Counsel determines that disclosure in a particular case would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy); and
- 18. to the Department of Labor and others as needed to implement the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and the Veterans' Employment Opportunities Act of 1998.

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## Johnson, Eric

From:

HatchAct

Sent:

Monday, May 13, 2019 1:04 PM

To:

'Delaney Marsco'

Subject:

RE: Hatch Act Complaint Regarding Kellyanne Conway

Dear Ms. Marsco,

I confirm receipt of your complaint and apologize that it took a few days to get back to you. We will open a file to investigate this matter.

Regards,

Eric Johnson
Attorney, Hatch Act Unit
U.S. Office of Special Counsel
202-804-(b)(6);

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From: Delaney Marsco(b)(6); pcampaignlegalcenter.org>

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 3:04 PM To: HatchAct < HatchAct@osc.gov>

Subject: Hatch Act Complaint Regarding Kellyanne Conway

Hello Hatch Act Unit,

I hope all is well. I am writing to submit a Hatch Act Complaint regarding Senior Counselor and Assistant to the President Kellyanne Conway.

I have attached the complaint, as well as the completed form provided on your website. If possible, could you confirm receipt? Please let me know if a fax is necessary—happy to provide that as well.

Many thanks, and enjoy the rest of your week.

Best,

#### Delaney Marsco

Legal Counsel, Ethics

202.734(b)(6); @DelaneyMarsco Campaign Legal Center 1101 14th St. NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20005 campaignlegalcenter.org

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From:	Hamrick, Erica
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Deputy Chief, Hato	ch Act Unit
U.S. Office of Spec	cial Counsel
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Subject: New CREW Complaint re Kellyanne Conway
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Please find attached a complaint from CREW requesting an investigation in Kellyanne Conway's recent conduct in violation of the Hatch Act. Can you please confirm when OSC has opened an investigative file in this matter? Thanks
very much.
Donald Sherman
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## **CODE 959**

Date: 5/3/19

Please open this correspondence as a Hatch Act <u>complaint</u>. This complaint alleges a Hatch Act violation by a **federal/state** (please circle one) employee. Information necessary to open a file for this complaint is provided below.

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Donald Sherman (b)(6); @citizensforethics.org>

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:29 AM

To: Subject: Marrone, Ana; Hamrick, Erica; Johnson, Eric New CREW Complaint re Kellyanne Conway

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Hello:

Please find attached a complaint from CREW requesting an investigation in Kellyanne Conway's recent conduct in violation of the Hatch Act. Can you please confirm when OSC has opened an investigative file in this matter? Thanks very much.

**Donald Sherman** 

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May 8, 2019

The Honorable Henry Kerner Special Counsel Office of Special Counsel 1730 M Street, N.W. Suite 218 Washington, D.C. 20036-4505

Re: Violations of the Hatch Act by Kellyanne Conway

Dear Mr. Kerner:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") respectfully requests that the Office of Special Counsel ("OSC") investigate whether Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway violated the Hatch Act by participating in media interviews given in her official capacity and in which she discussed government business, but in which she also expressed her political views about candidates in upcoming partisan elections. These actions were directed specifically toward the success or failure of a political party and candidates in partisan races, including Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Seth Moulton, Cory Booker, and Donald J. Trump. By giving these televised interviews, including several from the grounds of the White House, that mixed official government business with political views about partisan candidates, Ms. Conway appears to have repeatedly used her official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election and engaged in political activity prohibited by law.

### Factual Background

Ms. Conway was selected to become Counselor to incoming President Donald Trump in December 2016 following her role as campaign manager on Trump's presidential campaign. As Counselor to the President, Ms. Conway serves "as a public face of the administration" and, according to Trump, provides expertise on "how to effectively communicate our message." Since joining the Trump Administration, Ms. Conway has routinely appeared on television and other media platforms to promote President Trump's agenda.

## Use of White House Office and Title for Partisan Political Purposes

On several occasions since the beginning of 2019, Ms. Conway has conducted interviews in her official capacity as Counselor to the President that impermissibly mixed official

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Michael D. Shear and Maggie Haberman, <u>Trump Rewards Kellyanne Conway With a Top White House Staff Slot</u>, New York Times, Dec. 22, 2016, available at <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/22/us/politics/trump-picks-gop-veterans-for-white-house-posts.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/22/us/politics/trump-picks-gop-veterans-for-white-house-posts.html</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Elise Viebeck, <u>Trump hires Conway</u>, <u>Spicer and other loyalists for senior White House jobs</u>, Dec. 22, 2016, available at <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-hires-conway-spicer-and-other-loyalists-for-senior-white-house-jobs/2016/12/22/9f3c5692-c862-11e6-bf4b-2c064d32a4bf\_story.html?utm\_term=\_c89fbc87c54f.

government business with political views about candidates in the upcoming 2020 presidential primaries and general election. This complaint highlights four examples of such conduct but is by no means exhaustive.

## 1. Ms. Conway's, April 27, 2019 CNN Interview

On April 25, 2019, former Vice President Joe Biden announced his candidacy for President of the United States.<sup>3</sup> On April 27, 2019, Ms. Conway participated in a television interview on CNN.<sup>4</sup> Ms. Conway was periodically identified on the chyron at the bottom of the interview by her official title "Counselor to President Trump." In the course of answering questions from CNN host Michael Smerconish regarding President Trump's response to the Charlottesville protests, Ms. Conway, unprompted, introduced Mr. Biden and his campaign-launching video into the conversation. She stated:

You want to revisit this the way Joe Biden wants to revisit [this], respectfully, because he doesn't want to be held to account for his record or lack thereof. And I found his announcement video to be unfortunate—certainly a missed opportunity, but also just very dark and spooky in that it's taking us—he doesn't have a vision for the future. He doesn't mention President Obama, the popular president he served for eight years in his video who has refused to endorse him. He doesn't lay out a vision for the future.

Ms. Conway continued to discuss Mr. Biden's candidacy, stating:

He needs to first get past Democratic primary voters who are incredibly skeptical if not cynical about his past, his lack of record, what he did or did not have to do with President Obama's Administration ... He can't go up against Donald Trump until he gets past the Democratic [field].

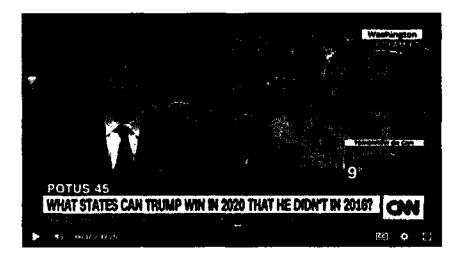
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Alexander Burns and Jonathan Martin, Joe Biden Announces 2020 Run for President, After Months of Hesitation, New York Times, Apr. 25, 2019, available at <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/25/us/politics/joe-biden-2020-announcement.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/25/us/politics/joe-biden-2020-announcement.html</a>. That same day, the Biden campaign announced Greg Schultz would serve as Mr. Biden's campaign manager. See, Jessica Wehrman, Joe Biden's New Campaign Manager has Deep Ohio Roots, Dayton Daily News, April 25, 2019, available at <a href="https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/local/joe-biden-new-campaign-manager-has-deep-ohio-roots/PY0kCRY2Z35JgEbPpQ2URI/">https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/local/joe-biden-new-campaign-manager-has-deep-ohio-roots/PY0kCRY2Z35JgEbPpQ2URI/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> CNN, Conway on Charlottesville, Biden, Economy, Opioids and Pot, Apr. 27, 2019, available at <a href="https://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2019/04/27/conway-on-charlottesville-the-economy-opioids-and-pot.cnn">https://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2019/04/27/conway-on-charlottesville-the-economy-opioids-and-pot.cnn</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Id.

<sup>6</sup> **Id**.

<sup>7</sup> Id.



As the host turned to the topic of "What States Can Trump Win in 2020 that he Didn't in 2016", Ms. Conway added:

You've got a President including today with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan trying to broker, improve relationships all around the globe so that we have better trade deals that benefit Americans, American workers like the folks you and I grew up with around Philadelphia, and South Jersey, and the Delaware Valley that Joe Biden used to connect with.<sup>8</sup>

Following these comments, the interview continued for several minutes, during which Ms. Conway discussed the administration's economic policy and the President's efforts to address the opioids crisis among other topics.<sup>9</sup>

Underscoring that Ms. Conway's political commentary was unprompted, Mr. Smerconish later noted that he intentionally avoided asking her to share her views regarding Mr. Biden in her official capacity during a discussion regarding administration policy. Discussing his interview with Ms. Conway on SiriusXM Radio, Mr. Smerconish said:

Can you stop that tape? I found this really interesting. Now she pivots to Vice President Biden. I had been told that you really can't address particular Democratic candidates with Kellyanne Conway because there will be a Hatch Act issue. She's on the payroll of the White House; she can't be partisan in her comments. I understand that. I remember it from my days of serving in the Bush, meaning 41, administration. While I held a federal job, I couldn't be involved in partisan politics. So I was a little taken aback when now she pivots and wants to talk about Biden and talk about how gloomy and creepy and dark she found his message to be. That's what's running through my head as she begins this

<sup>8</sup> Id.

<sup>9</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The Michael Smerconish Show, Sirius XM Radio, Apr. 29, 2019 (audio file available at Exhibit A).

pitch.... and while we're talking Charlottesville... but then suddenly I'm quote "the one cutting her off." I just found it very interesting and very defensive that the White House wants to talk more about Joe Biden and the economy than this particular exchange. 11

## 2. Ms. Conway's April 24, 2019 Fox News Interview

On February 19, 2019, Senator Bernie Sanders announced his candidacy for President of the United States. <sup>12</sup> On April 24, 2019, Ms. Conway participated in a television interview on Fox News. <sup>13</sup> Throughout her interview, Ms. Conway stood on the White House grounds with the White House visible in the background. <sup>14</sup> The host started by indicating that the President may make a statement before leaving the White House, "but first we speak with Kellyanne Conway at the White House." <sup>15</sup> Throughout the interview, Ms. Conway was periodically identified on the chyron at the bottom of the screen by her official title "Counselor to President Trump." <sup>16</sup>



The interview began with Ms. Conway answering questions about the Mueller investigation, impeachment, and ongoing congressional investigations into President Trump's

<sup>11</sup> **Id**.

<sup>12</sup> Sydney Ember, Bernie Sanders, Once the Progressive Outlier, Joins a Crowded Presidential Field, New York Times, Feb. 19, 2019, available at <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/19/us/politics/bernie-sanders-2020.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/19/us/politics/bernie-sanders-2020.html</a>. That same day, the Sanders campaign announced that Faiz Shakir would serve as campaign manager. See Gideon Resnick, Spencer Ackerman and Sam Stein, Sanders Hires Top Progressive Advocate, Faiz Shakir, as Campaign Manager, Daily Beast, Feb. 19, 2019, available at <a href="https://www.thedailybeast.com/bernie-sanders-hires-top-civil-liberties-advocate-faiz-shakir-as-campaign-manager">https://www.thedailybeast.com/bernie-sanders-hires-top-civil-liberties-advocate-faiz-shakir-as-campaign-manager</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Fox News, Kellyanne Conway: Executive Privilege is on the Table for the President, Apr. 24, 2019, available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDgxxzcus2U.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Id*.

<sup>15</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Id.

conduct including whether the president might assert executive privilege. <sup>17</sup> Later in the interview, the host asked Ms. Conway about "a potential contest against Joe Biden" given his reportedly imminent campaign launch. Ms. Conway then, unprompted, brought up Senator Sanders' candidacy. Ms. Conway stated:

Bernie Sanders has a lot in common with Donald Trump, which is he doesn't really care what his party thinks about his candidacy at this point in the primaries. He's connecting directly with the voters, he's raising small-dollar amounts.

The only difference between Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump is Bernie Sanders' ideas are terrible for America. And Donald Trump is a much better candidate, had connective tissue with the people. So, I think Biden will be seen as the alternative to Bernie Sanders, but he's got a lot of people in his way.

And look—old, white male career politicians like Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden is not exactly what the Democratic party had in mind for 2020 when they're running all these different folks who are talking about identity politics and what makes them different. And the women are complaining too. I see women on TV complaining about the female candidates are not covered the same. That's just hogwash. They just have terrible ideas. 18

Following Ms. Conway's political statements about Democratic candidates for president, she discussed the administration's efforts to address the opioids erisis. 19

### 3. Ms. Conway's April 22, 2019 Fox News Interview

On April 22, 2019, Congressman Seth Moulton announced his candidacy for President of the United States.<sup>20</sup> That same day, Ms. Conway participated in a television interview on Fox News while sitting in front of the White House during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll.<sup>21</sup> During the interview, Ms. Conway was periodically identified on the chyron at the bottom of the screen by her official title "Counselor to the President."<sup>22</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Id.

<sup>18</sup> *Id*,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Stephanie Murray, Seth Moulton Announces 2020 Bid, Politico, Apr. 22, 2019, available at <a href="https://www.politico.com/story/2019/04/22/moulton-announces-2020-bid-1284347">https://www.politico.com/story/2019/04/22/moulton-announces-2020-bid-1284347</a>. According to public reports, Mr. Moulton hired Jim Matheson to serve as campaign manager. See Daniel Strauss and Stephanie Murry, Moulton <a href="https://www.politico.com/story/2019/04/18/seth-moulton-presidential-campaign-1280465">https://www.politico.com/story/2019/04/18/seth-moulton-presidential-campaign-1280465</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Anna Hopkins, Kellyanne Conway: Trump Can't be Impeached by an Investigation Democrats Started, Fox News, Apr. 22, 2019, available at https://www.foxnews.com/politics/kellyanne-conway-trump-impeachment-democrats.

<sup>22</sup> Id



Ms. Conway started the interview by discussing the White House Easter Egg Roll and the President's response to a terrorist attack in Sri Lanka before she transitioned to the potential impeachment proceedings against President Trump and the Mueller investigation.<sup>23</sup> Then, unprompted, Ms. Conway began discussing Mr. Moulton's candidacy for president and the rest of the Democratic presidential field.<sup>24</sup> She stated:

And just today we have the 19th Democrat running for President. Seth Moulton—who? Seth Moulton, the fourth person from the House of Representatives . . . I would just remind everybody simple math, whether it's one, whether it's 19, whether it's 50, anything times zero equals zero, simple multiplication, so 50 Democrats can run, 19 are now running, but if your message is zero, it's a big zero. 25

Ms. Conway is then asked to discuss Press Secretary Sarah Huckabec Sanders and other topics before the host abruptly ends the interview for breaking news.<sup>26</sup>

## 4. Ms. Conway's February 1, 2019 Fox News Interview

On February 1, 2019, Senator Cory Booker announced his candidacy for President of the United States.<sup>27</sup> That same day, Ms. Conway participated in an interview on Fox News standing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Nick Corasaniti and Shane Goldmacher, Cory Booker Announces Presidential Bid, Joining Most Diverse Field Ever, Feb. 1, 2019, available at <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/01/us/politics/cory-booker-2020.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/01/us/politics/cory-booker-2020.html</a>. The Booker campaign also announced that Addisu Demissie would serve as campaign manager. See John Bowden, Booker Hires Gavin Newson's 2018 Campaign Manager to Run 2020 Bid, The Hill, Feb. 1, 2019 available at

in front of the White House seal in the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House. <sup>28</sup> In the opener to the interview, the host introduced Ms. Conway stating, "Let's bring in Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President of the United States. She is inside the building. The weather outside [is] not great." Throughout parts the interview, Ms. Conway was identified on the chyron at the bottom of the screen by her official title "Counselor to President Trump." <sup>30</sup>



Ms. Conway's interview began with a discussion of the United States suspending its nuclear pact with Russia, the administration's "America First" policy, and other foreign policy issues. The hosts then asked Ms. Conway about Mr. Booker's announcement of his candidacy for president. Ms. Conway stated:

Welcome, the water seems warm, welcome to dive in, along with, I don't know, 10-15-30 other Democratic candidates. I would ask him a couple of questions today as he runs from my native New Jersey. One is—what's wrong with the candidates that are already in there? What's your objection to Kamala Harris running, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, these others who have already announced—Tulsi Gabbard, maybe. If he were a Republican running against them, they would immediately call him a sexist for running against these women in the Democratic field. But I'd also ask him—what exactly have you accomplished that qualifies you to be the commander-in-chief and President of the United States? And being a motivational speaker who's, quote, "tinny," the words of David Axelrod, the mastermind behind President Obama's presidential

https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/427994-booker-hires-gavin-newsoms-2018-campaign-manager-to-run-2020-bid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Conway on suspending nuclear pact with Russia, Booker's 2020 bid, Fox News, Feb. 1, 2019, available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3wIsP4MjL4&feature=youtu.be.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Id.

victories, he sort of slammed him today by saying he doesn't really sound like an inspirational leader sometimes.<sup>31</sup>

Ms. Conway went on to attack Mr. Booker's tenure as Mayor of Newark and his position on school choice.<sup>32</sup> The interview then continued with Ms. Conway discussing border policy and the President's then-ongoing negotiations with Speaker Nancy Pelosi over border wall funding.<sup>33</sup>

## **Potential Violations**

## The Hatch Act - 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-26

The Hatch Act prohibits any executive branch employee from "us[ing] his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election." Activities covered by this prohibition include the official "[u]sing his or her official title while participating in political activity." "Political activity" is defined as "an activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group." Penalties under the Hatch Act are generally administrative in nature, but can include removal from government service, reduction in grade, debarment from federal employment for up to five years, suspension, reprimand, or a civil fine. 37

## OSC's Hatch Act Guidance regarding President Trump's Reelection Candidacy

On February 27, 2018, Donald J. Trump announced his candidacy for re-election to the Office of President of the United States. <sup>38</sup> On March 5, 2018, OSC published a document entitled, "Updated Guidance Regarding the Hatch Act and President Donald Trump Now That He Is Officially a Candidate for Reelection." OSC's guidance noted that he became a "candidate for partisan political office" as described in the Hatch Act in 2018 once he appointed a campaign manager and publicly announced his candidacy. OSC's updated guidance stated that the Hatch Act's prohibition related to political activity "is broad and encompasses more than displays or communications (including in-person and via email or social media) that expressly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7323(a)(1).

<sup>35 5</sup> C.F.R. § 734.302(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> 5 C.F.R. § 734.101.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7326.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Katie Rogers and Maggie Haberman, <u>Trump's 2020 Campaign Announcement Had a Very Trumpian Rollout</u>, New York Times, Feb. 27, 2018, available at <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/27/us/politics/trump-2020-brad-parscale.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/27/us/politics/trump-2020-brad-parscale.html</a>.

parscale html.

39 Office of Special Counsel, Updated Guidance Regarding the Hatch Act and President Donald Trump Now That He Is Officially a Candidate for Reelection, Mar. 5, 2018, available at https://osc.gov/Resources/Candidate%20Trump%20Hatch%20Act%20Guidance%203-5-2018.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Office of Special Counsel, <u>Updated Guidance Regarding the Hatch Act and President Donald Trump Now That He Is Officially a Candidate for Reelection</u>, Mar. 5, 2018

advocate for or against President Trump's reelection."<sup>41</sup> Notably, the OSC guidance stated, "like with any other candidate, the Hatch Act prohibits federal employees from engaging in activity directed at the success or failure of the President's candidacy while they are on duty or in the workplace."<sup>42</sup>

## Kellyanne Conway's Prior Hatch Act Violations

On March 6, 2018, just one day after OSC published its updated Hatch Act guidance, the agency concluded a previous Hatch Act investigation of Ms. Conway, finding that she violated the law in two television interviews. <sup>43</sup> In your letter to the President transmitting OSC's report for "appropriate disciplinary action," you wrote that during both media interviews, Ms. Conway "impermissibly mixed official government business with political views about candidates in the Alabama special election." OSC's report described Ms. Conway's conduct in one of the interviews in this way:

Her intentional partisan jabs against Doug Jones were made in her official capacity and meant to persuade voters not to support him in the Alabama special election. By telling voters not to "be fooled" and contending that Doug Jones would be "terrible for property owners," Ms. Conway advocated for the failure of his candidacy. She also implied that voters should support Roy Moore, so the President could get the votes in the Senate needed to pass tax reform. Her advocacy against one candidate and implied endorsement of another candidate constituted political activity under the Hatch Act. 45

In its March 2018 report regarding Ms. Conway's previous Hatch Act violations, OSC acknowledged that the Hatch Act does not provide an exemption for executive branch employees speaking on behalf of a principal who is in fact exempt from the Hatch Act's restrictions, stating:

While the President is exempt from the Hatch Act, his exemption does not extend to any other employee, including those employed in the White House Office. OSC understands that [an employee's] job duties may include publicly reinforcing the Administration's positions on a host of policy issues. And the Hatch Act does not prohibit [an employee] from doing so, provided she carries out her job duties in a manner that complies with the law.<sup>46</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Id.

<sup>42</sup> Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Office of Special Counsel, <u>OSC Concludes Hatch Act Investigation of Kellyanne Conway, Finds Two Violations, and Refers Findings to President for Appropriate Disciplinary Action, Mar. 6, 2018, available at <a href="https://osc.gov/News/pr-18-24.pdf">https://osc.gov/News/pr-18-24.pdf</a>.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Office of Special Counsel, Report of Prohibited Political Activity under the Hatch Act OSC File No. HA-18-0966 (Kellyanne Conway), Mar. 6, 2018, available at https://osc.gov/Resources/Conway%20HA-18-0966%20Final%20Report.pdf.

 $<sup>\</sup>overline{^{45}}$  Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Id.

According to OSC's report, the two violations occurred within weeks of each other and after Ms. Conway "received significant training on Hatch Act prohibitions." The White House defended Ms. Conway's conduct stating that she did not violate the Hatch Act, and no disciplinary action appears to have been taken in response to OSC's findings. 48 On March 7. 2018, the White House counsel's office sent a memo to White House staff highlighting OSC's new Hatch Act guidance.<sup>49</sup>

### Ms. Conway's 2019 Interviews Discussing Presidential Candidates Violated the Hatch Act

Ms. Conway's conduct in each of the interviews cited above likely violated the Hatch Act. In each case, Ms. Conway "impermissibly mixed official government business with political views about candidates" and a political party in the upcoming primaries and the 2020 general election for President of the United States. 50

## 1. Ms. Conway Violated the Hatch Act in Her April 27, 2019 CNN Interview

Ms. Conway likely violated the Hatch Act in her April 27, 2019 interview on CNN by impermissibly mixing official government business with political views about candidates in the upcoming political primaries and the 2020 general election for President of the United States. There is no doubt that Ms. Conway appeared on CNN in her official capacity. This appearance is similar to her earlier violations of the Hatch Act. Ms. Conway engaged in an interview about official government business including the administration's economic and drug policies and was periodically identified during the interview by her name and official title "Counselor to President Trump." Given these facts, Ms. Conway used her official title, position, and authority while participating in the interview.

There is also no doubt that Ms. Conway's statements were aimed at influencing the success or failure of a political candidate in a partisan election. In response to a question about President Trump's statements in the aftermath of the 2017 Charlottesville protests, Ms. Conway chose this forum to express personal political views about Mr. Biden, who had recently announced his candidacy for president. Unprompted, Ms. Conway commented on Mr. Biden's announcement video, asserting that he "doesn't want to be held to account for his record or lack thereof" and "doesn't have a vision for the future." She added that President Obama declined to endorse Mr. Biden's presidential campaign and that Democratic primary voters "are incredibly skeptical if not cynical about his past, his lack of record." Ms. Conway then stated that President Trump's trade policies benefit American workers in and around "Philadelphia, and South Jersey and the Delaware Valley," guipping that these were people "Joe Biden used to connect with."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Office of Special Counsel, OSC Concludes Hatch Act Investigation of Kellyanne Conway, Finds

Two Violations, and Refers Findings to President for Appropriate Disciplinary Action, Mar. 6, 2018.

48 Alexander Mallin, Kellyanne Conway says she discussed Hatch Act violations with President Trump, ABC News, Mar. 8, 2018, available at https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/kellyanne-conway-discussed-hatch-act-violationspresident-trump/story?id=53609559.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Veronica Stracqualursi and Cristina Alesci, Trump's legal team: No #MAGA at the White House, CNN, Mar. 8, 2018, available at https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/08/politics/white-house-counsel-memo-hatch-act/index.html. 50 Office of Special Counsel, OSC Concludes Hatch Act Investigation of Kellyanne Conway, Finds Two Violations, and Refers Findings to President for Appropriate Disciplinary Action, Mar. 6, 2018.

Ms. Conway's statements regarding Mr. Biden and his campaign during her interview regarding administration policy were clearly intended to influence the success or failure of Mr. Biden's candidacy in the Democratic primary and President Trump's candidacy in the 2020 general election, constituting prohibited political activity under the Hatch Act.

## 2. Ms. Conway Violated the Hatch Act in Her April 24, 2019 Fox News Interview

Ms. Conway likely violated the Hatch Act in her April 24, 2019 interview on Fox News by impermissibly mixing official government business with political views about candidates in the upcoming political primarics and the 2020 general election for President of the United States. There is no doubt that Ms. Conway appeared on Fox News in her official capacity. This appearance is similar to her earlier violations of the Hatch Act. Ms. Conway was interviewed on the White House grounds with the White House in the background for the entire duration and was periodically identified on the interview chyron by her name and official title "Counselor to President Trump." Ms. Conway engaged in an interview about official government business including the administration's response to the Mueller report and whether the President would assert executive privilege in pending congressional investigations. Given these facts, Ms. Conway used her official title, position, and authority while participating in the interview.

There is also no doubt that Ms. Conway's statements were aimed at influencing the success or failure of a political candidate or party in a partisan election. In response to a question about Mr. Biden's pending announcement as a candidate for president, Ms. Conway, again unprompted, chose to offer her political views about Senator Sanders, who was already a candidate for president. Ms. Conway first opined on the relative strengths of candidate Sanders and candidate Trump, asserting that the two have "a lot in common" but then denigrating Senator Sanders by stating that his "ideas are terrible for America." In the next sentence, Ms. Conway called President Trump "a much better candidate" who "had connective tissue with the people." Ms. Conway then described Mr. Biden and Senator Sanders as "old, white male career politicians . . . [who are] not exactly what the Democratic party had in mind for 2020." In addition, regarding female candidates running for president, Ms. Conway stated: "They just have terrible ideas." Ms. Conway's statements during her interview regarding administration policy were clearly intended to influence the success or failure of Senator Sanders, Mr. Biden, and other candidates in the Democratic primary, as well as President Trump's candidacy in the 2020 general election, constituting prohibited political activity under the Hatch Act.

## 3. Ms. Conway Violated the Hatch Act in Her April 22, 2019 Fox News Interview

Ms. Conway likely violated the Hatch Act in her April 22, 2019 interview on Fox News by impermissibly mixing official government business with political views about candidates in the upcoming political primaries and the 2020 general election for President of the United States. There is no doubt that Ms. Conway appeared on Fox News in her official capacity. The appearance is similar to her earlier violations of the Hatch Act. Ms. Conway was interviewed on the White House grounds with the White House in the background. She also was periodically identified on the interview chyron by her name and official title "Counselor to the President." Ms. Conway engaged in an interview about official government business including the White

House Easter Egg Roll, the President's response to a terrorist attack in Sri Lanka, and the possibility of impeachment proceedings against the president.<sup>51</sup> Given these facts, Ms. Conway used her official title, position, and authority while participating in the interview.

There is also no doubt that Ms. Conway's statements were aimed at influencing the success or failure of a political candidate or party in a partisan election. During the interview, Ms. Conway offered unprompted political views regarding both Rep. Seth Moulton, a Democratic candidate for president, and the Democratic field for president. Ms. Conway further referred to both the Democratic Party message and candidate Moulton's message as "a big zero." Ms. Conway also denigrated Mr. Moulton personally by stating "Seth Moulton—who?" after independently broaching the topic of his campaign announcement. Ms. Conway's statements during her interview regarding administration policy were clearly intended to influence the success or failure of Mr. Moulton's candidacy in the Democratic primary as well as the Democratic Party and President Trump in the 2020 general election, constituting prohibited political activity under the Hatch Act.

# 4. Ms. Conway Violated the Hatch Act in Her February 1, 2019 Fox News Interview

Ms. Conway likely violated the Hatch Act in her February 1, 2019 interview on Fox News by impermissibly mixing official government business with political views about a candidate in the upcoming political primaries. Yet again, there is no doubt that Ms. Conway appeared on Fox News in her official capacity. The appearance is similar to her earlier violations of the Hatch Act. Ms. Conway was interviewed on the White House grounds, this time with the White House seal in the background. She was periodically identified on the interview chyron by her name and official title "Counselor to President Trump." Ms. Conway engaged in an interview about official government business including the Trump Administration's foreign policy objectives and ongoing negotiations with Congress regarding the southern border. Given these facts, Ms. Conway used her official title, position, and authority while participating in the interview.

There is also no doubt that Ms. Conway's statements were aimed at influencing the success or failure of a political candidate or party in a partisan election. After being asked about Senator Booker's entrance into the presidential race, Ms. Conway provided her personal political views "as he runs from my native New Jersey." Ms. Conway first questioned why Senator Booker is running for president, claiming that "[if] he were a Republican . . . they would immediately call him a sexist for running against these women." Ms. Conway then questioned Senator Booker's credentials, asking "what exactly have you accomplished that qualifies you to

<sup>51</sup> During the interview, Ms. Conway stated about the President's political prospects, "I think it's a large part why this President got elected and why he won't be impeached. It's a ridiculous proposition they are putting forward. You can't impeach a Republican president for something the Democrats started." Ms. Conway's statements appear to violate OSC's guidance prohibiting "conduct [that] advocates for or against impeachment of a candidate for federal office." See U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Clarification of November 27, 2018 Email, Nov. 30, 2018, available at

https://osc.gov/Resources/OSC%20November%2027%202018%20Guidance%20Extension%20and%20Clarification.pdf.

be the commander-in-chief and President of the United States?" Then Ms. Conway cited criticism from Mr. Axelrod about Senator Booker's leadership and demeanor before questioning his tenure as Mayor of Newark, New Jersey. These personalized comments during her interview regarding administration policy were clearly intended to influence the success or failure of Senator Booker's candidacy in the Democratic primary elections and President Trump in the 2020 general election, constituting prohibited political activity under the Hatch Act.

## Conclusion

The Hatch Act is intended to prevent federal employees from engaging in partisan political activity in their official capacity. The statute prohibits an employee from undertaking any activity directed toward the success or failure of a political candidate or a political party while using her official title or position.

By using her official title, position, and authority to express political views about candidates in partisan elections during interviews about official government business, Ms. Conway ran afoul of the statute. These violations are even more egregious given the guidance provided by OSC and the White House in March 2018, previous Hatch Act guidance provided specifically to Ms. Conway, and her two prior Hatch Act violations in 2017. The four interviews described in this complaint are examples of Ms. Conway's impermissible mixing of official government business with political views about candidates in partisan elections, but they are by no means exhaustive. In short, Ms. Conway is a repeat offender and it seems clear that neither prior guidance by the White House Counsel's office nor prior admonition by OSC have deterred her from breaking the law.

OSC should commence an immediate investigation into the conduct described in this letter and, taking into account that Ms. Conway has engaged in a pattern and practice of violating the Hatch Act, should take or recommend appropriate disciplinary action against her.

Sincerely,

Noah Bookbinder Executive Director

## From: Hartobey, Patrick Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 1:22 PM To: Marrone, Ana; Hamrick, Erica Cc: Kerner, Henry; Epstein, Ellen; Kurz, Zachary; Millsaps, Travis FW: correspondence from Sen. Carper Subject: Attachments: 2019-05-03 Carper Letter to OSC re Hatch Act.pdf Attached is a complaint from Sen Carper on Kelly Anne Conway. As an FYI, they are holding the letter until Monday, at which point they intend to do press on this one (b)(5)From: Reavis, Brandon (HSGAC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@hsgac.senate.gov> Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 1:20 PM To: Hartobey, Patrick (b)(6); @osc.gov> Cc: Kilvington, John (HSGAC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Phsgac.senate.gov>; Berrios, Roberto (HSGAC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @hsgac.senate.gov>; Papp, Brian (Carper) (b)(6); @carper.senate.gov> Subject: correspondence from Sen. Carper Patrick, Please see the attached correspondence from Sen. Carper. Feel free to reach out to me at the number below with any questions. Best, Brandon Brandon E. Reavis Chief Counsel

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May 3, 2019

The Honorable Henry Kerner Special Counsel U.S. Office of Special Counsel 1730 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

Dear Special Counsel Kerner:

As you know, the Hatch Act generally prohibits certain categories of political activities for all covered employees. I write today to request your assistance with a review of recent oral statements by Kellyanne Conway, Assistant to the President and Senior Counselor.

On April 27, 2019, Ms. Conway made the following statements during an interview on CNN:

"You want to revisit this the way Joe Biden wants to revisit, respectfully, because he doesn't want to be held to account for his record or lack thereof. And I found his announcement video to be unfortunate, certainly a missed opportunity. But also just very dark and spooky, in that it's taking us, he doesn't have a vision for the future."

The chyron on the bottom of the interview periodically identified Ms. Conway as "Counselor to President Trump."<sup>2</sup>

On April 30, 2019, Ms. Conway made the following statements in response to a question about infrastructure:

"You've got middle-class is booming now despite what Joe Biden says. I don't know exactly what country he's talking about when he says he needs to rebuild the middle class. He also just sounds like someone who wasn't vice president for eight years. He's got this whole list of grievances of what's wrong with the country as if he didn't have, as if he didn't work in this building for eight years...I know he said that 'I asked President Obama not to, not to endorse me. I'm too busy getting the endorsement of firefighters but I don't want a popular president among the Democrats, first African-American president to endorse me.' Do any of you believe that? You let him get away with his first lie. Why

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7321 et seq. (2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Video of the April 27, 2019, interview is available at the following link: https://www.facebook.com/CNNReplay/videos/kellyanne-conway-calls-bidens-launch-video-on-charlottesville-dark-and-spooky/418145955648919.

did you do that? So I will ask him if you're not going to...hey Senator, Vice President Biden, why are 28 million Americans without health insurance nine years after 'Obama Biden Care' passed?"

As she began walking away, a reporter said, "You brought up Joe Biden several times unprompted...." Ms. Conway responded, "How was it unprompted? He's the frontrunner." During these statements, Ms. Conway stood on the White House grounds.<sup>3</sup>

On May 1, 2019, Ms. Conway made additional comments about Joe Biden:

"Oh we must be worried about Biden, look what Kellyanne said about him today. So thanks for the free commercial about all the things Joe Biden didn't get done for the eight years he was vice president....I do find it fascinating that the former Vice President Joe Biden said that he asked President Obama not to endorse him, 'do not endorse me,' but we know he's open to endorsements because he got it from the management of the firefighters...."

During these statements, Ms. Conway stood on the White House grounds.<sup>4</sup>

This is not the first controversy involving the Trump Administration's compliance with the Hatch Act. The Office of Special Counsel (OSC) has previously concluded that White House Director of Social Media Dan Scavino Jr. violated the Hatch Act in using his official position to oppose the election of Representative Justin Amash. OSC also concluded that former U.S. Amhassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley violated the Hatch Act in using her official position to retweet President Trump's endorsement of Ralph Norman in a special election. According to your office, Ms. Conway herself has already violated the Hatch Act on at least two separate occasions during discussions of the candidates in the 2017 Alabama special election for U.S. Senate. Even a White House official from the Office of the First Lady violated the Hatch Act after using her official Twitter account to post a message that included #MAGA and a photograph of a 2015 campaign rally. These actions demonstrate a troubling lack of concern with Hatch Act compliance on the part of the Trump Administration; instead, senior government officials appear free to use their office to influence political elections regardless of the law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Video of Ms. Conway's comments from April 30, 2019, is available at the following links: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35voQ8eJzLA; https://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2019/04/30/kellyanne-conway-joe-biden-infrastructure-erin-burnett-monologue-ebof-vpx.cnn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Video of Ms. Conway's comments from May 1, 2019, is available at the following link: https://www.huffpost.com/entry/lawrence-odonnell-kellyanne-conway-breaking-law-video n 5ccaa095e4b0e4d7572da402.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Letter from Ana Galindo-Marrone to Senator Tom Carper re OSC File No. HA-17-2986 (June 5, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Nikki Haley Hit for Hatch Act Violation Over Trump Retweet, POLITICO (Oct. 3, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Letter from Special Counsel Henry Kerner to President Donald Trump re: OSC File No. HA-18-0966 (Mar. 6, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Letter from Erica Hamrick to Senator Tom Carper re OSC File No. HA-18-4852 (Sept. 20, 2018).

As the Special Counsel, you have authority to review potential Hatch Act violations. I request that you use the authority Congress granted you under the Hatch Act of 1939, as amended, to "receive any allegation of a prohibited personnel practice and...investigate the allegation to the extent necessary to determine whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that a prohibited personnel practice has occurred, exists, or is to be taken." I request that you review this letter and act promptly on your findings. I also ask you to report to my staff any recommendation for disciplinary action, if warranted.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Tom Carper

The Honorable Margaret M. Weichert

Director (Acting)

cc:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

<sup>9 5</sup> U.S.C. § 1214 (2015).

### Marrone, Ana

From:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Sent:

Thursday, May 2, 2019 10:44 AM

To:

HatchAct

Subject:

Hatch Act - Kellyanne Conway

Dear OSC:

Please review the statements of Lawrence O'Donnell to determine if Kellyanne Conway AGAIN violated the Hatch Act. Sure seems that she has AGAIN!

Respectfully

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

HATCH ACT UNIT: ALLEGATION CODE SHEET

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- 50. Using official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.
- 51. Serving as an officer of a political party, a member of a committee of a political party/club or being a candidate for any of these positions.
- 52. Organizing a political party, organization or club.
- 53. Directly/indirectly soliciting, receiving, collecting, handling, disbursing or accounting for assessments, contributions or other funds for a political purpose.
- 54. Organizing, selling tickets to, promoting, or actively participating in a fundraising activity of a partisan candidate, political party or political club.
- 55. Taking an active part in managing the political campaign of a partisan candidate for public office or political party.
- 56. Becoming a candidate for or campaigning for, an elective public office.
- 57. Soliciting votes in support of or in opposition to a partisan candidate for public office of political party office.
- 58. Acting as a recorder, watcher, challenger, or similar officer at the polls on behalf of a political party or partisan candidate.
- 59. Driving voters to the polls on behalf of a political party or partisan political candidate.
- 60. Endorsing or opposing partisan candidate for public office or political party office in political advertisement, broadcast, campaign literature or similar material.
- 61. Serving as a delegate, alternate or proxy to a political party convention.
  - 62. Addressing a convention, caucus, rally or similar gathering of a political party in support of or in opposition to a partisan candidate for public office or political
  - 63. Initiating or circulating a partisan nominating petition
  - 65. Political activity in a government building or car
  - .66. Political activity in uniform or on duty.

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IE - Insufficient evidence upon which to base further action.

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EI - No jurisdiction; employee not covered by the Act.

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NS - Negotiated settlement

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To: Subject: Attachments:	Eric Johnson (b)(6); @osc.gov) (b)(5)
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Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 4:57 PM To: Marrone, Ana √(b)(6); Posc.gov>

Subject: (b)(5)

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Hi All,	
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Thanks,	
Henry	

## Yarbro, Jacqueline

From:	Marrone, Ana
Sent:	Monday, May 13, 2019 6:21 PM
To:	Donald Sherman
Cc:	Hamrick, Erica
Subject:	RE: New CREW Complaint re Kellyanne Conway
Hi Donald,	
The file number for the new Co	onway complaint is HA-19-3395.
Kind regards,	
Ana	
Ana Galindo-Marrone	
Chief, Hatch Act Unit	
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From: Donald Shermar(b)(6);	Pcitizensforethics.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:	
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(1)(7)(6)	.gov>; Marrone, Ana (b)(6); @osc.gov>
Subject: Re: New CREW Complain	it re Kellyanne Conway (h)(7)(C)
Great. Can you pass the file numb	per along a file number when you have one?
On Wed, May 8, 2019 at 8:31 AM	Hamrick, Erica (b)(6); @osc.gov> wrote:
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Donald,	
We have received your compl	aint and will open a file to investigate this matter.
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Erica S. Hamrick	

Deputy Chief, Hatch Act Unit

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From: Donald Sherman (b)(6); @citizensforethics.org>

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:29 AM

(b)(6);**To:** Marrone, Ana (b)(6); @osc.gov>; Hamrick, Erica @osc.gov>; Johnson, Eric @osc.gov> (b)(7)(C)

Subject: New CREW Complaint re Kellyanne Conway

Hello:

Please find attached a complaint from CREW requesting an investigation in Kellyanne Conway's recent conduct in violation of the Hatch Act. Can you please confirm when OSC has opened an investigative file in this matter? Thanks very much.

Donald Sherman

CREW | Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington

Main: (202) 408-5565 | Fax: (202) 588-5020 | www.citizensforethics.org

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### Yarbro, Jacqueline

From:	Johnson, Eric
Sent:	Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:56 AM
To:	Yarbro, Jacqueline
Subject:	RE: Help Please
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Thanks.	
Best,	
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To: Yarbro, Jacqueline Subject: RE: Help Plea	
Answers inline belo	nw

Hi,

From: Yarbro, Jacqueline (b)(6); @osc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:40 AM
To: Johnson, Eric(b)(6); @osc.gov>
Subject: Help Please

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Best,

Jackie

Jacqueline Yarbro
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From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments:	Johnson, Eric Wednesday, May Yarbro, Jacqueline (b)(5)			
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From: Johnson, Eric Sent: Wednesday, May To: Marrone, Ana (b)(6 Cc: Hamrick, Erica (b)(6 Subject: (b)(5) Ana,	); @osc.gov>			
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Regards,				
Eric				
Eric Johnson				

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Yarbro, Jacquelin	e
From:	Hamrick, Erica
Sent:	Friday, May 3, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Subject:	Yarbro, Jacqueline RE: correspondence from Sen. Carper
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Attached is a complai	nt from Sen Carper on Kelly Anne Conway. As an FYI, they are holding the letter until Monday, at

which paint they intend to do press on this one (b)(5)

From: Reavis, Brandon (HSGAC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) hsgac.senate.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 1:20 PM

To: Hartobey, Patrick (b)(6); posc.gov>

Cc: Kilvington, John (HSGAC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Phsgac.senate.gov>; Berrios, Roberto (HSGAC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Phsgac.senate.gov>; Papp, Brian (Carper) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Phsgac.senate.gov>

Subject: correspondence from Sen. Carper

Patrick,

Please see the attached correspondence from Sen. Carper. Feel free to reach out to me at the number below with any questions.

Best, Brandon

### **Brandon E. Reavis**

Chief Counsel

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Phone: (202) 224-(b)(6); Fax: (202) 228-3792

### Yarbro, Jacqueline

From:

Johnson, Eric

Sent:

Thursday, May 2, 2019 7:51 AM

To:

Marrone, Ana; Hamrick, Erica; Yarbro, Jacqueline; Kelley Resendes

Subject:

MSNBC Report re: Conway and Hatch Act

FYI - from Lawrence O'Donnell last night:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/lawrence-odonnell-kellyanne-conway-breaking-law-video\_n\_5ccaa095e4b0e4d7572da402?ncid=APPLENEWS00001

Eric Johnson
Attorney, Hatch Act Unit
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From:

Hartobey, Patrick

Sent:

Friday, May 3, 2019 9:54 AM

To:

Kurz, Zachary; IOSC

Subject:

RE: Newsweek article

Also,

Here is the full video that it looks like the lawerence o'donnell snips in part from. First 8 minutes of video.

https://www.mediaite.com/tv/kellyanne-conway-blasts-biden-his-first-big-lie-was-when-he-said-he-asked-obama-notto-endorse/

From: Hartobey, Patrick

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)@osc.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 9:49 AM

To: Kurz, Zachary (b)(6); @osc.gov>; IOSC <IOSC@osc.gov>

Subject: RE: Newsweek article

Ana stopped by yesterday to inform us that we have officially received a complaint related to the video.

From: Kurz, Zachary (b)(7)(C)@osc.gov> Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 9:41 AM

To: IOSC < IOSC@osc.gov> Subject: Newsweek article

FYI https://www.newsweek.com/kellyanne-conway-broke-law-hatch-act-violation-joe-biden-1412883

Zachary Kurz Communications Director U.S. Office of Special Counsel 202/804 (b)(6);



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From:	Hartobey, Patrick
Sent:	Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:38 AM
To:	Kerner, Henry; Kurz, Zachary; Millsaps, Travis; Epstein, Ellen
Subject:	Hatch Report
Attachments:	(b)(5)
Attached are my (b)(5)	
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Patrick Hartobey Director of Legislative Affairs Office of Special Counsel 202-804-(b)(6);

Epstein, Ellen	
From:	Millsaps, Travis
Sent:	Wednesday, May 15, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Subject:	Kerner, Henry; Hartobey, Patrick; Kurz, Zachary; Epstein, Ellen
Attachments:	RE: Hatch Report (b)(5)
recommends.	(-7/-7
Hi Henry:	
Please find attached	o)(5)
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(b)(5)	Please let me know if you want to discuss more fulsomely.
Best,	
Travis	
From: Kerner, Henry (b)( Sent: Wednesday, May 1 To: Hartobey, Patrick (b) Epstein, Ellen (b)(6); Subject: RE: Hatch Repo	15, 2019 10:40 AM 1(6); @osc.gov>; Kurz, Zachary (b)(6); @osc.gov>; Millsaps, Travis(b)(6); @osc.gov>; 2005c.gov>
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b)(5)	Thanks, Henry
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Patrick Hartobey
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of Special Counsel
202-804-(b)(6);

From:

Hartobey, Patrick

Sent:

Friday, May 24, 2019 11:59 AM

To:

Kerner, Henry; Epstein, Ellen; Kurz, Zachary; Millsaps, Travis

Report(b)(5)
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Subject:

Attachments:

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### Patrick Hartobey

Director of Legislative Affairs Office of Special Counsel 202-804 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From:

Kurz, Zachary

Sent:

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 1:06 PM

To:

Kerner, Henry; Hartobey, Patrick; Millsaps, Travis; Epstein, Ellen

Subject:

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Zachary Kurz Communications Director U.S. Office of Special Counsel

202/804-(b)(6);



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Epstein, Ellen From: Millsaps, Travis Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 2:08 PM To: Kurz, Zachary Cc: Kerner, Henry; Epstein, Ellen; Hartobey, Patrick Subject: (b)(5) Attachments: Henry asked that I circulate this (b)(5) Best, Travis From: Millsaps, Travis Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:48 PM To: Kurz, Zacharv(b)(6); @osc.gov) (b)(6); @osc.gov>
Subject:(b)(5) Hi Zac, Just wanted to send you the (b)(5) (b)(5)

Best,

Travis

From:	Kurz, Zachary
Sent:	Wednesday, May 29, 2019 3:01 PM
To:	Epstein, Ellen; Kerner, Henry
Cc:	Hartobey, Patrick; Millsaps, Travis
Subject:	(b)(5)
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From: Epstein, Ellen (b)( Sent: Wednesday, May To: Kerner, Henry(b)(6);	29, 2019 2:35 PM  Posc.gov>
Cc: Kurz, Zachary(b)(6); Subject:(b)(5)	@osc.gov>; Hartobey, Patrick(b)(6); posc.gov>; Millsaps, Travis (b)(6); posc.gov>
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Kind regards,	
Ellen	

From:	Kerner, Henry
Sent:	Wednesday, May 29, 2019 5:33 PM
To:	Hartobey, Patrick; Epstein, Ellen; Millsaps, Travis
Cc:	Kerner, Henry
Subject:	/b\/E\

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Kurz, Zachary

Sent:

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2:03 PM

To: Cc: Kerner, Henry; Epstein, Ellen

Subject:

Millsaps, Travis; Hartobey, Patrick

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Zachary Kurz
Communications Director
U.S. Office of Special Counsel
202/804 (b)(6);

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From:

Hartobey, Patrick

Sent:

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:34 AM

To:

Epstein, Ellen

Subject:

Attachments:

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From: Hartobey, Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 9:11 AM To: Kerner, Henry (b)(6);
Subject (b)(7)(C) වosc.gov>

Subject: (b)(5)

Patrick Hartobey

Director of Legislative Affairs Office of Special Counsel 202-804 (b)(6);

From:	Kerner, Henry
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Thanks, Henry	
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Sent: Wednesday, June 1	2, 2019 3:24 PM
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Millsaps, Travis (b)(6);	②osc.gov>; Wagner, Anne M. (b)(6); Posc.gov>; Kurz, Zachary(b)(6); Posc.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Eric (b)(6):	Posc.gov>; Kelley Resendes (b)(6); Posc.gov>; Yarbro, Jacqueline (b)(6); Posc.gov>;
Marrone, Ana (b)(6);	Posc.gov> (b)(7)(C)
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From:	Epstein, Ellen
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From:	Epstein, Ellen
Sent:	Wednesday, June 12, 2019 4:45 PM
To:	Kerner, Henry (b)(6); @osc.gov)
Subject:	(b)(5)
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And here's the other version.

From:

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Letter from White House Counsel to Special Counsel Kerner

### THE WHITE HOUSE

### WASHINGTON

June 11, 2019

The Honorable Henry Kerner United States Office of Special Counsel 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 218 Washington, DC 20036

Dear Special Counsel Kerner:

I write to submit an initial response to the draft Office of Special Counsel Report concerning Assistant to the President and Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, OSC File Nos. HA-19-0631 & HA-19-3395, dated May 30, 2019 ("Report"). OSC's draft Report is based on multiple fundamental legal and factual errors, makes unfair and unsupported claims against a close adviser to the President, is the product of a blatantly unfair process that ignored statutory notice requirements, and has been influenced by various inappropriate considerations. As a result, the current Report would serve only to undermine public confidence in OSC and its procedures. At 5:00 pm on May 29, 2019, OSC provided the White House with a 17-page report raising numerous unsubstantiated allegations spanning many months, many of which had never been raised by OSC through the appropriate procedure. OSC then demanded a response by 9:00 a.m. the following morning. As you later acknowledged, OSC's actions were prompted by your desire to respond to press questions concerning a media report that day about comments that Ms. Conway had allegedly made and by the purported personal "offense" that you took to those commentseven though you made no effort to investigate before rushing to judgment. OSC's patently unreasonable demand for an overnight response, standing alone, shows that the Report was the product of a fatally flawed process.

Indeed, the Report is based on numerous grave legal, factual, and procedural errors. First, even assuming that the Hatch Act applies to the most senior advisers to the President in the White House, OSC has violated its statutory obligation to provide Ms. Conway a reasonable opportunity to respond, violated Ms. Conway's due process rights, and abused its discretion by issuing a Report tainted by inappropriate external influences. Second, OSC's overbroad and unsupported interpretation of the Hatch Act risks violating Ms. Conway's First Amendment rights and chills the free speech of all government employees. In fact, OSC has no legal authority to promulgate guidance on social media use that it treats effectively as binding rules in order to enforce its overbroad interpretation of the Act. Third, contrary to your letter, Ms. Conway's Twitter account and her media appearances do not violate even the standards used by OSC itself. Worst of all, OSC's "call" upon the President "to remove Ms. Conway from her federal position immediately" is as outrageous as it is unprecedented. OSC's overreaching recommendation is wholly unsupported by any statute or the Constitution. Additionally, it appears that OSC has not been applying its vague standards evenhandedly across Democratic and Republican administrations.

The White House takes seriously the principles codified in the Hatch Act and has continued to take affirmative steps to ensure compliance. At the same time, the White House must ensure that OSC exercises its significant authority in an appropriate and neutral manner. We also have a duty to safeguard the fundamental constitutional rights of not only White House employees, but all employees within the Executive Branch. Based on the numerous errors in the Report and the flawed process under which it was issued, we ask that you withdraw and retract the Report and continue the dialogue with this office that should have taken place and that could have avoided many of the errors in the current draft.

If you choose not to withdraw the Report, we will need additional information to prepare our full response. We ask that you provide this information, detailed below, by June 21, 2019. At a minimum, in fairness to Ms. Conway, release of the draft Report should wait until we have had the opportunity to provide a final response and OSC has had an opportunity to fully consider that response. You have assured us several times that you will review our response and incorporate it, provide whatever additional process is necessary, meet with us to discuss these matters, and refrain from a further rush to judgment.

Please contact us after you have reviewed this letter to discuss next steps, including whether you will withdraw the Report and, if not, when you will provide the information we request. I also ask that we meet as soon as possible and no later than June 26, 2019, to discuss the concerns raised in this letter.

# I. OSC's Investigation And Conclusions Are Tainted By Lack of Due Process and Inappropriate External Influence.

The lack of due process that OSC provided in preparing this Report indicates a complete disregard for the fundamental rights of individuals serving in the Executive Branch and raises serious concerns regarding OSC's current investigatory practices. On May 29, 2019, at 5:03 pm, Ms. Ana Galindo-Marrone, Chief of the OSC Hatch Act Unit, sent the Report to the White House's Designated Ethics Official. After providing the Report, Ms. Galindo-Marrone requested any comments by 9:00 am the following morning (May 30), providing less than 16 hours overnight to respond to a 17-page report containing over a dozen allegations, spanning across more than 8 months. OSC had never before informed the White House or Ms. Conway that it was investigating many of the specific allegations in the Report. Moreover, when the White House first received the Report on May 29, OSC had already post-dated the Report to May 30, 2019—the date by which OSC had requested comments from the White House—indicating that OSC had no actual interest in conducting further investigation or analysis, regardless of any comments received from the White House or Ms. Conway. OSC's patently unreasonable demand for an overnight response to a report that had been months in the making failed to provide basic due process and also conflicted with the express statutory command that OSC is generally required to provide employees "a reasonable time to answer orally and in writing." 5 U.S.C. § 1215(a)(2)(A); see also Schroder v. City of New York, 371 U.S. 208, 211 (1962) (describing "notice" as "[a]n elementary and fundamental requirement of due process").

The White House had been actively engaging with OSC in a productive dialogue when OSC unilaterally, without notice, terminated those discussions by sending the Report to the White House, making the draconian and patently ridiculous recommendation that the President remove one of his closest advisers. OSC's position appears to be that this unilateral termination was justifiable because OSC had provided notice of each allegation contained in the Report. This is false. Not only did OSC fail to provide notice of each allegation, it also abruptly terminated, without explanation, a good faith dialogue with our office.

Officials from this office met with officials from your office on March 19 and then again on March 28, 2019. During these meetings, your issues relating to Ms. Conway focused on her use of Twitter, and we responded at the time by raising our legal and factual objections to your initial concerns. Your April 9, 2019 letter in response failed adequately to address our primary legal objection—that OSC has no authority to issue any regulation or binding guidance relating to social media use. See Letter from Ana Galindo-Marrone, Chief of Hatch Act Unit, to Michael M. Purpura, Deputy Counsel to the President (April 9, 2019) (discussing only OSC's authority to issue "advisory opinions"). Merely stating that OSC issued its social media guidance "[p]ursuant to our statutory authority"—without citing any statutory provision—is not a meaningful response. Id. at 1. As to her media appearances, although you raised questions about some of Ms. Conway's television appearances generally, you did not provide precise information about the specific media appearances addressed in the draft Report and stated that OSC had not received any formal complaints about media appearances. Notably, OSC's April 9 letter makes no mention of any media appearances by Ms. Conway. Id.

Faced with the stubborn truth that OSC failed to provide notice as to each allegation in the Report, OSC appears to suggest that, because it had previously contacted Ms. Conway and opined on potential Hatch Act violations in other contexts, she has been put on notice as to any and all allegations of Hatch Act violations that might arise. Of course, due process demands far more. If OSC received a formal complaint about each of the allegations in the Report, then the appropriate next step would have been to notify White House ethics officials, with whom OSC works on a regular basis, as well as Ms. Conway, regarding the full scope of these complaints in order to continue our ongoing dialogue. Rather than seeking a productive dialogue with the aim of achieving a resolution, however, OSC sent the post-dated Report, asking for comment overnight, with the clear implication that it was not genuinely interested in receiving or considering any response. This is certainly not due process and it is not a fair opportunity to respond.

OSC's hasty decision to finalize and send this Report is particularly troubling because, by OSC's own admission, it was prompted by inappropriate external influences that should have no bearing on the work of "an independent federal investigative and prosecutorial agency." Office of Special Counsel, "What We Do." available at https://osc.gov/Pages/WhatWeDo.aspx. OSC acknowledges that its practice in the past has been to provide notice concerning specific allegations and to engage in discussions to reconcile differences in our interpretation of the law and application of the law to the facts. Here, by contrast, OSC has acknowledged that its decision to rush the Report out the door without the usual process was a reaction to a media report on the morning of May 29 regarding a passing comment by Ms. Conway—a comment that is not itself alleged to be a Hatch Act violation. After admitting that OSC relied solely on the media report to assess Ms. Conway's comment, you specifically said that the Office had to act quickly because it had been

receiving press inquiries and had to be mindful of interest from politicians outside of the Office. This is deeply troubling. As an independent federal agency, OSC has a duty both to remain impartial and to maintain both the appearance and the reality of remaining impervious to external political and media influence. D.C. Fed'n of Civic Assn's v. Volpe, 459 F.2d 1231, 1246 (D.C. Cir. 1971) (reversing a decision of the Secretary of Transportation upon finding "extraneous pressure intruded into the calculus of considerations on which the Secretary's decision was based"); ATX. Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of Transp., 41 F.3d 1522, 1528 (D.C. Cir. 1994) ("We are concerned when congressional influence shapes the agency's determination of the merits."); Aera Energy LLC v. Salazar, 642 F.3d 212, 220 (D.C. Cir. 2011) ("[P]olitical pressure invalidates agency action only when it shapes, in whole or in part, the judgment of the ultimate agency decisionmaker.").

The most alarming fact is that personal pique appears to have influenced the outcome of this investigation, including the decision to make the extraordinary recommendation that the President remove one of his closest advisors. The first paragraph of the Report focuses exclusively on Ms. Conway's comment as reported earlier on the morning of May 29 and bases the decision to recommend termination on that comment. After OSC sent the Report to the White House, representatives of this office spoke with you on the phone regarding your unreasonable request to receive a response overnight. While explaining why OSC needed a response overnight, you explained that, not only did you feel a strong external pressure to release the Report, but that you also personally "took great offense" to Ms. Conway's comment and repeatedly complained about the level of "disrespect" towards OSC that you perceived in that comment. OSC again made no effort to reach out to the White House to verify Ms. Conway's reported comment or seek any clarifying or contextual information from Ms. Conway before sending the Report. Setting aside the reality that Ms. Conway's comment was taken out of context, the fact that personal bias and the desire to respond to a media article apparently prompted the decision to release the Report seven hours later eviscerates the credibility of the Report, including its conclusions and unprecedented and unwarranted recommendation.

# II. OSC's Overbroad and Unsupported Interpretation of the Hatch Act Likely Violates First Amendment Rights.

### A. Statutory text and implementing regulations are binding.

The text of the Hatch Act makes clear that any limitation on a federal government employee's political speech should be narrowly construed and based on express prohibitions. The Hatch Act begins by declaring: "It is the policy of the Congress that employees should be encouraged to exercise fully, freely, and without fear of penalty or reprisal, and to the extent not expressly prohibited by law, their right to participate or to refrain from participating in the political processes of the Nation." 5 U.S.C. § 7321 (emphasis added). The Act also makes clear that "[a]n employee retains the right... to express his opinion on political subjects and candidates." 5 U.S.C. § 7323(c). Consistent with the text of the statute, the Supreme Court has explained that "the Hatch Act aimed to protect employees' rights, notably their right to free expression, rather than to restrict those rights." United States v. Nat'l Treasury Employees Union, 513 U.S. 454, 471 (1995).

Accordingly, the Hatch Act's prohibitions are limited. The Act prohibits, among other things, a federal employee from using "his official authority or influence for the purpose of

interfering with or affecting the result of an election." 5 U.S.C. § 7323(a). Further, the Act prohibits an employee from engaging in "political activity" under specific circumstances. 5 U.S.C. § 7324(a). "Political activity," as defined by regulation, is "an activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group." 5 C.F.R. § 734.101. Neither the statute nor any implementing regulations specifically addresses many of the allegations at issue here.

# B. OSC's guidance was issued without statutory authority and cannot be treated as binding.

In the absence of specific guidance on social media accounts in the statute or implementing regulations, OSC has attempted to unilaterally impose its overbroad social media guidance as binding authority. The Hatch Act does not specifically address activities on social media. Nor has the Office of Personnel Management ("OPM")—the entity with the authority to issue "regulations describing the political activities which are permitted and prohibited under the Hatch Act"—specifically addressed social media use in its regulations. See 5 C.F.R. § 734.102. In the absence of statutory or regulatory language, OSC issued its own purported "rules" governing social media use in February 2018. See Office of Special Counsel, "Hatch Act Guidance on Social Media" (Feb. 2018) (containing nineteen separate "rules" that limit employees' social media use).

OSC has no authority to issue binding rules that effectively function as Hatch Act regulations, particularly when those rules significantly restrict employees' First Amendment rights. On March 28, 2019, the White House raised its concern about OSC's lack of authority to promulgate such rules as well as the lack of transparency as to how it created these rules. None of the rules outlined in the social media guidance was subject to public notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 553. Instead, it appears that these rules were subject only to an internal process within OSC involving OSC's own employees.

OSC acknowledged in its April 9, 2019, letter that it "has authority to issue advisory opinions," but did not address the distinction between issuing advisory opinions concerning the applicability of 5 C.F.R. part 734 to particular facts (as OSC is authorized to do in 5 C.F.R. § 734.102(a)) and issuing "regulations describing the political activities which are permitted and prohibited under the Hatch Act," which is the proper purview of OPM, as clearly stated in 5 C.F.R. § 734.102(c). OSC's effort to promulgate so-called "rules" concerning social media exceeds OSC's statutory authority and improperly usurped the authority of OPM.<sup>2</sup>

This issue was addressed by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC") in a February 2, 1994 opinion for OSC's Deputy Special Counsel. Authority for Issuing Hatch Act Regulations, 18 Op. O.L.C. 1 (1994). In that opinion, OLC examined whether OSC or OPM had the authority to promulgate regulations delimiting the scope of impermissible political activities under the Hatch Act Reform Amendments of 1993. After a review of precedent, the statutes outlining the responsibilities of OPM and OSC under the Hatch Act, and the text and legislative

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Available at https://osc.gov/Resources/HA%20Social%20Media%20FINAL%20r.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OSC is empowered by statute to investigate Hatch Act violations. 5 U.S.C. § 1216(a). OSC may issue advisory opinions concerning the applicability of 5 C.F.R. part 735 pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 1212(f) and 5 C.F.R. § 734.102(a).

history of the Hatch Act Amendments, OLC concluded that OPM, not OSC, possessed the authority to promulgate regulations explicating the Hatch Act as amended. OLC determined that the division of Hatch Act authority between OPM and OSC "flows from clear statutory pronouncements" and "[t]he legislative history of the Hatch Act Amendments fortifies the conclusion that Congress approved of OPM's traditional obligation to issue Hatch Act regulations." Id. at 3, 5. OLC further concluded that Congress clearly rejected the idea that OSC has rule-making authority. Id. at 5. Remarkably, even an OLC opinion clearly explaining that OSC lacks authority to issue additional rules beyond the statute and OPM regulations has not stopped OSC from attempting to impose its own set of "rules," without authority or a transparent process, to the detriment of Executive Branch employees' constitutional rights.

### C. OSC's guidance is overbroad and chills protected speech.

OSC's unilateral and untested social media guidance is not only wholly unauthorized, it is also overbroad under existing law. According to OSC, "the Hatch Act prohibits an employee from engaging in political activity on a personal social media account if the employee also uses that account for official purposes." Report at 13. OSC provides no citation to the statute or any regulation for this proposition, which appears to be consistent only with its own social media guidance. Office of Special Counsel, "Hatch Act Guidance on Social Media" ("OSC Social Media Guidance"), at 8.3 OSC asserts that, based on this alone, Ms. Conway violated the Hatch Act's prohibition against using her "official authority or influence for the purpose of . . . affecting the result of an election" by allegedly using her Twitter account, "@KellyannePolls," for both official and political purposes. Report at 13-15. OSC's rationale appears to be that having one social media account in which some posts contain officially related activity and other posts contain political activity per se constitutes using "official authority or influence" to affect an election result.

Examining the facts of Ms. Conway's personal Twitter account highlights the absurdity of OSC's overbroad and unsupported social media guidance. Ms. Conway created her personal Twitter account in 2012, many years before she entered government service. Since establishing her account, and long before joining the Administration, she has been a prolific Twitter user, posting regularly on public policy and political issues. That Ms. Conway has continued to be a prolific Twitter user since joining the Administration, commenting on public policy and political issues as she did before, is unremarkable. In fact, she is constitutionally entitled to continue to comment in her personal capacity after entering public service. See U.S. Const. amend. 1; 5 U.S.C. § 7323(c). Therefore, even assuming arguendo that some posts on her Twitter account were for "official purposes," which is not accurate, that alone cannot establish that she somehow uses her official authority when making separate and unrelated personal posts. Such a broad interpretation of the law would impermissibly prohibit Ms. Conway from continuing to make comments in her personal capacity through a personal media distribution channel she had established long before entering public service.

Moreover, OSC's interpretation is particularly problematic here because Ms. Conway does not, in fact, use her Twitter account for any "official purpose." She does not issue press releases,

<sup>3</sup> Available at https://osc.gov/Resources/HA%20Social%20Media%20FINAL%20r.pdf.

press statements, or any other original White House content using her personal Twitter account. Neither does she currently use her official title or position. Despite this, OSC's position appears to be that Ms. Conway's personal Twitter account must be considered an official communications tool because she has used this personal account to post materials related to the Administration's official activities—precisely the type of public policy and political issues on which she commented long before she entered the Administration. Ms. Conway does not surrender her First Amendment right to comment on these same topics in her personal capacity, using her personal social media account, simply because she answered the call to serve in our federal government. See Pickering v. Bd. of Educ., 391 U.S. 563, 572-73 (1968) (discussing importance of government employees' ability "to speak out freely on" public policy "without fear of retaliatory dismissal"). This is, however, precisely what OSC's current social media guidance demands. By making such an extraordinary determination, OSC has overreached in its interpretation of the Hatch Act. Such a construction has a chilling effect on all federal employees whose fundamental First Amendment right to engage in political and public policy discussions should not be compromised based solely on OSC's guidance.

### III. <u>Ms. Conway's Personal Twitter Account Does Not Violate OSC's Non-Binding</u> Guidance.

Straining to find any "official activity" on Ms. Conway's Twitter account, OSC further stretches its "rules" in an attempt to unlawfully police federal employees' personal social media accounts. OSC's own guidance appears to prohibit using a personal social media account for political purposes if it creates even a perception that the account is "being used in ways that suggest it is an official social media account." OSC Social Media Guidance, at 8. The factors OSC considers in determining whether an account may be "perceived" as an official account include the following: (1) the account contains little to no personal content; (2) the account identifies the individual as a federal employee; (3) the account extensively uses photographs of the employee's official activities; (4) the account often references, retweets, likes, comments, or otherwise shares material related to official activities; or (5) the account is linked to an agency website or other official page. Even assuming the validity of considering these factors as a standard, Ms. Conway's personal Twitter account does not violate OSC's non-binding guidance.

First, Ms. Conway's Twitter account includes significant personal content, including many political posts. For example, from January 2018 until present, Ms. Conway has posted over 450 posts on her personal account. Over 200 posts are retweets of major media outlets. The subject matter of these retweets varies—including political matters, conservative issues, and media analysis of Administration policies. That is entirely consistent with Ms. Conway's previous use of her personal Twitter account from before she entered government service. In addition, there are a number of posts completely unrelated to political or government matters. For example, Ms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OSC's guidance was reissued in February 2018 during the course of the current Administration. It added the "rule" on "Misusing Personal Social Media Accounts." See Id. OSC's previous guidance on social media accounts issued in 2015, which consisted of "Frequently Asked Questions" posted on its website, did not contain this "rule". See Office of Special Counsel, "OSC Updates Hatch Act Guidance for Social Media," available at https://osc.gov/News/pr15-23.pdf.

Conway has posts related to sports<sup>5</sup> and birthday wishes.<sup>6</sup> It therefore strains credulity to conclude, as OSC has done, that there is "little content that would be considered personal." Letter from OSC to Ms. Conway, Counselor to the President, Re: OSC File No. HA-19-0631, at 2 (Dec. 20, 2018).

Second, Ms. Conway's personal Twitter account does not identify her by her government title. Although her account did so in the past, it was blessed by other OSC guidance that specifically allowed employees to "include your official title or position and where you work in your social media profile" and to engage in political activity on a personal social media account. Office of Special Counsel, "Hatch Act Social Media Quick Guide" (Feb. 2018).8

Third, Ms. Conway's account does not extensively use photographs or videos of her official activities. A review of the posts made by Ms. Conway in 2018 indicates that less than 10 percent include photographs or videos that may be related to her official duties. Additionally, the majority of posts that do include images related to her official duties are retweets of media interviews and articles rather than original official Administration content.

Fourth, Ms. Conway's account does not often reference, retweet, like, comment, or otherwise share materials related to her official activities. Again, although there are some retweets of other Administration officials' posts, these retweets do not constitute a large percentage of Ms. Conway's overall Twitter posts. Of the more than 450 posts on @KellyannePolis from 2018, approximately fifty were retweets of other Administration officials' posts. This constitutes approximately 11% of her posts for the year. And even these tweets concern policy topics that Ms. Conway has long believed to be important, including well before she became a federal employee.

In sum, Ms. Conway's use of her personal Twitter account does not violate any of the factors OSC identifies as guideposts in its non-binding guidance documents.

### IV. Ms. Conway's Media Appearances Do Not Violate The Hatch Act.

OSC attempts to characterize Ms. Conway's media appearances as violating the Hatch Act because, OSC alleges, she "repeatedly commented on 2020 presidential candidates during official media interviews." Report at 6. As an initial matter, the Hatch Act's prohibition on using official authority or influence to affect the result of an election is not violated by simply commenting on an individual who is running for office. Such an interpretation goes well beyond a reasonable construction of the statute and is at odds with the narrow construction typically given to restrictions on First Amendment-protected activities. After all, there are currently U.S. senators and representatives, as well as governors, all running for President. Several of these individuals have announced affirmative policy proposals that they are also supporting in their current positions. Unsurprisingly, these candidates almost uniformly oppose and criticize the President's own policy initiatives. That is merely a feature of the way robust political debate operates in our country. It

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A review of her Twitter account from January 2018 reveals at least 10 posts specific to the Philadelphia Eagles.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ses, e.g. https://twitter.com/KellyannePolls/status/1004862119991566336.

<sup>7</sup> See https://twitter.com/KellyannePolls?ref\_src=twsrc%5figoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Escrp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor.

Available at https://osc.gov/Resources/Social%20Modia%20Quick%20Guide%20FINAL%20r.pdf.

cannot supply a basis for prohibiting an adviser to the President from commenting on a competing policy proposal or the individual who offers it simply because that individual is also running for President.

Prior OSC guidance acknowledges this general principle. "Absent evidence that the criticism or praise is [directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group], criticism or praise of an administration's policies and actions is not considered political activity." Office of Special Counsel, "Guidance Regarding Political Activity" (Nov. 27, 2018). Therefore, political activity does not include merely criticizing policy proposals offered by aspiring candidates who hope to implement them in a future administration. Any other rule would not adequately allow the President's advisers to defend his policy positions, to criticize conflicting policy proposals, and to engage in policy commentary. This includes comments that may concern matters on which opinion is politically divided or that may have collateral partisan consequences. Cf. Payment of Expenses Associated with Travel by the President and Vice President, 6 Op. O.L.C. 214, 217 (1982) (discussing mixed official/private nature of Presidential campaign trips).

Even applying OSC's overbroad interpretation of the Hatch Act, the Report's criticism fails on its own terms. OSC places significant weight on the fact that Ms. Conway discussed Democratic candidates by name in response to questions. Report at 6. But in most of the cases cited in the Report, Ms. Conway was prompted by news anchors to comment on Democratic politicians. 10 And in every case, Ms. Conway actively pivoted the conversation back to the discussion of policy ideas ranging from combating the opioid crisis, to securing the border, to defeating ISIS. Even where Ms. Conway did comment on Democratic politicians, she spoke about Democrats in general terms as having no substantive policy proposals. For example, in her April 22 interview, Ms. Conway stated that it was irrelevant how many candidates entered the Democratic primary race, because they all had poor policy proposals: "I would just remind everyone simple math, whether it's one, whether it's 19, whether it's 50, anything times zero equals zero, simple multiplication, so 50 Democrats can run, 19 are now running, but if your message is zero, it's a big zero." And where she criticized anyone specifically by name, she did so by criticizing the poor policy proposals—or absence of policy proposals—associated with them, Again, in her April 24 interview, Ms. Conway again focused on policy proposals: "Bernie Sanders has a lot in common with Donald Trump, which is he doesn't really care about what his party

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> In a related context, OSC has acknowledged that discussion of public policy matters is not political activity. See Office of Special Counsel, Federal FAQs, available at https://osc.gov/Pages/HatchAct-FAQs.aspx ("The Hatch Act does not prohibit employees at any time, including when they are at work or on duty, from expressing their personal opinions about events, issues, or matters."); id. ("[E]mployees may express their opinions about current events and matters of public interest at work so long as their actions are not considered political activity. For example, employees are free to express their views and take action as individual citizens on such questions as referendum matters, changes in municipal ordinances, constitutional amendments, pending legislation or other matters of public interest, like issues involving highways, schools, housing, and taxes.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Even where reporters did not ask Ms. Conway to comment on specific Democratic politicians by name, they repeatedly did so by referencing topics that could only be reasonably interpreted as requests for comments on specific politicians.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Anna Hopkins, Kellyanne Conway: Trump Can't be Impeached by an Investigation Democrats Started, Fox News (Apr. 22, 2019), available at https://www.foxnews.com/politics/kellyanne-conway-trump-impeachment-democrats.

thinks about his candidacy at this point in the primaries. . . . The only difference between Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump is Bernie Sanders' ideas are terrible for America." <sup>12</sup>

But OSC did not contact Ms. Conway for comment on these or any other statements referenced in the Report. If it had, it would have seen that these interviews, taken as a whole, focused predominately on policy conversations and included marginal references to specific Democratic politicians—often at the very end of these interviews.

A case in point is OSC's blanket refusal to inquire into the context of Ms. Conway's alleged retort to a reporter, "Let me know when the jail sentence starts," which served as the transparent impetus for the hasty release of OSC's Report. Report at 1. In fact, this statement occurred at the end of a lengthy substantive exchange between Ms. Conway and a reporter regarding the mechanics of the Hatch Act. In a series of questions, Ms. Conway asked the reporter if he could "tell me what the Hatch Act is and how one violates it? You can look down at your notes." During this line of questioning, Ms. Conway explained how prior criticism of her media appearances failed to assess her statements in context. After further questions, Ms. Conway complained that the reporter's questions were a failed attempt to chill her protected speech, saying, "If you are trying to silence me for the Hatch Act, it is not going to work." It was in this context that she asked the reporter to identify "when the jail sentence starts," in an effort to highlight her view of the reporter's lack of knowledge about the Act. But she emphatically did not "scoff[] at her responsibilities under the Hatch Act and ridicule[] its enforcement." Report at 1.

# V. OSC Has Politicized Its Role By Failing To Apply Its Standards In An Evenhanded Manner Across Administrations.

Vague standards invite abuse. The opaque manner in which OSC has drafted and applied its standards on political activity has led to the inevitable abuse of discretion. Unfortunately, OSC's overreaching in its efforts to target Ms. Conway, combined with its history of refusing to apply its policies evenhandedly to the prior Democratic administration, create the impression that OSC is attempting to tilt the political playing field and to inject itself into partisan politics.

For example, during the Obama Administration, Press Secretary Josh Earnest made a lengthy and vitriolic statement attacking then-candidate Trump during the Presidential campaign while speaking to reporters in his official capacity from the podium of the White House briefing room. When asked why OSC did not file a complaint or author a report on this incident, the Office merely stated that the public had not complained about his egregious behavior. But the whole point of vesting an independent agency with the authority to investigate and report on violations of the Hatch Act is to eliminate the bias that bears down on politically targeted individuals and to ensure that the law is applied evenhandedly. The disparate treatment of Mr. Earnest and Ms. Conway violates traditional notions of fairness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Talia Kapian, Kellyanne Conway to Democrats: 'Are you going to talk for the rest of 2019 into 2020 about impeachment or infrastructure?', Fox News Channel (Apr. 24, 2019), available at https://www.fuxnews.com/politics/kellyanne-conway-to-democrats-are-you-going-to-talk-for-the-rest-of-2019-into-2020-about-impeachment-or-infrastructure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Kellyane Conway Remarks to Reports, C-Span (May 29, 2019), available at https://www.c-span.org/video/?461193-1/kellyanne-conway-defends-president-trumps-criticism-joc-biden.

### VI. Requests For Responses And Additional Information.

Again, in light of the many significant issues discussed in this initial response, I reiterate our request that OSC withdraw and retract its Report. If the OSC chooses not to do so, the White House will need additional information to consider fully and fairly each of the allegations and OSC's conclusions. Accordingly, we ask that you provide the following information by June 21, 2019.

- 1. OSC's entire investigation files relating to the Report;
- 2. All internal correspondence relating to the Report and any underlying investigation;
- 3. All external correspondence relating to the Report and any underlying investigation;
- 4. Internal policies and procedures relating to the Report and any underlying investigation, including policies and procedures on initiating an investigation generally, on investigating White House employees specifically, and on issuing social media guidance related to the Hatch Act; and
- 5. Copies of all OSC and other documents relied upon in drafting the Report.

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We reiterate that the White House takes seriously the principles codified in the Hatch Act, which respects and protects the First Amendment rights of federal employees. 5 U.S.C. § 7323(a). We ask OSC to do the same. Just recently in March, all White House Office employees were trained on Hatch Act compliance as part of the Office's mandatory annual ethics training. In May, we distributed updated written guidance on employee political activities to all White House Office employees. We are also offering ongoing specialized training on Hatch Act obligations.

At the same time, the White House is also committed to ensuring that OSC exercises its significant authority in an appropriate and neutral manner and without infringing on the fundamental First Amendment rights of all federal government employees. OSC's apparent timing and motivation behind issuing the Report as well as the substance of the Report's analysis and recommendation raise serious questions about OSC's commitment to the principles codified in the Hatch Act. We look forward to reviewing the responses and documents requested above and to meeting in person as soon as possible to discuss our concerns.

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