Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Palackého

Katedra anglistiky a amerikanistiky

Twitter as the Official Presidential Source: Linguistic Analysis of Donald Trump's Tweets

Diplomová práce

Olomouc 2020   **Bc. Gabriela Podhajská**

Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Palackého

Katedra anglistiky a amerikanistiky

Twitter jako oficiální prezidentský zdroj: Lingvistická analýza tweetů Donalda Trumpa

Twitter as the Official Presidential Source: Linguistic Analysis of Donald Trump's Tweets

Diplomová práce

Autor: **Bc. Gabriela Podhajská**

Studijní obor: Angličtina se zaměřením na tlumočení a překlad (ATPN)

Vedoucí práce: **Mgr. Jitka Zehnalová, Dr.**

Olomouc 2020

Prohlašuji, že jsem tuto diplomovou práci vypracovala samostatně a uvedla úplný seznam citované a použité literatury.

V Olomouci dne 6.5. 2020

Gabriela Podhajská

Abstrakt

Předmětem této diplomové práce je lingvistická analýza tweetů Donalda Trumpa se zaměřením na tři oblasti: kondenzace, vztah ke čtenáři a zdůrazňování. Byl vytvořen korpus skládající se ze 200 tweetů Donalda Trumpa.

Teoretická část je tvořena pěti kapitolami. První se zabývá Donaldem Trumpem, jeho životem a politickou kariérou, vztahem ke Twitteru a lingvistickému stylu. Druhá kapitola se zabývá elektronickou komunikací s důrazem na Twitter. Je zde rozebírána elektronická komunikace, historie Twitteru, Twitter a politika a lingvistická specifika komunikace na Twitteru. Třetí kapitola se zabývá politickým diskurzem a analýzou politického diskurzu. Čtvrtá kapitola se zabývá předchozím výzkumem na dané téma. Poslední kapitolu tvoří definice vybraných termínů.

Praktická část je rozdělená dle lingvistických vrstev. Nejdříve je zkoumán Trumpův vztah ke čtenáři. Druhá kapitola se zabývá grafickou rovinou a zkoumá např. kapitálky, vykřičníky, zavináče a hashtagy a také opakování slovních spojení. Třetí kapitola zkoumá lexikální rovinu a to např. využití přídavných jmen a příslovcí, zkratek atd. Čtvrtá kapitola se zabývá syntaxí, a to zejména větnou skladbou, souvětími a nevětnými výpověďmi. V závěru jsou přestaveny výsledky analýzy.

Klíčová slova: Donald Trump, Twitter, politický diskurz, lingvistická analýza

Abstract

The subject of this diploma thesis is the linguistic analysis of Donald Trump's tweets with a focus on three areas: condensation, his relationship with the reader and emphasis. A corpus was created consisting of 200 tweets by Donald Trump.

The theoretical part consists of five chapters. The first deals with Donald Trump, his life and political career, his relationship to Twitter and his linguistic style. The second chapter deals with electronic communication with emphasis on Twitter. It discusses electronic communication, the history of Twitter, Twitter and politics and linguistic specifics of communication on Twitter. The third chapter deals with political discourse and political discourse analysis. The fourth chapter deals with previous research on the topic. The last chapter consists of definitions of selected terms.

The practical part is divided according to linguistic levels. First, Trump's relationship to the reader is examined. The second chapter deals with the graphic level and examines, for example, capitalization, exclamation points, at signs and hashtags, as well as the repetition of phrases. The third chapter examines the lexical level, such as the use of adjectives and adverbs, abbreviations, etc. The fourth chapter deals with syntax, especially sentence structure, clauses and minor sentences. In the conclusion, the results of the analysis are presented.

Key words: Donald Trump, Twitter, political discourse, linguistic analysis

List of Abbreviations

2A	2nd Amendment
DACA	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
Dem	Democrat
Dems	Democrats
DHA	Discourse-Historical Approachkreis
GOP	Grand Old Party
MAGA	Make America Great Again
PD	Political Discourse
PDA	Political Discourse Analysis

List of Graphs

List of Tables

Contents

1. Introduction

The topic of this diploma thesis is the linguistic analysis of tweets of the current President of the United States Donald Trump. Trump has a very specific style of speech and writing, which is particularly apparent in his tweets as they are one of the few written forms which he writes himself. It is the form of expression he is most comfortable with, the one where he has no "filter" and where he is the most honest and like himself. It is also the only form of written communication that is published without intermediaries. There is nobody to correct him, do spellcheck or to improve and normalize the text.

I will analyze Trump's tweets, with the focus being on three areas: tools for emphasis, tools for condensation and Trump's relationship to the reader. These areas were chosen because of the person and the tool analyzed. Emphasis and relationship to the reader are both areas where I believe Trump's personal idiosyncrasies will be most prominent. Condensation was chosen because of the medium. Twitter allows only 240 characters per tweet and therefore the message has to often be condensed.

Based on these areas of focus, several research questions were formulated: What tools are used for emphasis and condensation? On which linguistic levels are they used the most? What is the frequency of their use? How do his tools for emphasis and condensation differ from Hillary Clinton's? What is Trump's relationship to his reader?

I chose this topic because Donald Trump is a very topical issue right now. Twitter is his main form of communication with his voters and his unique style of speech makes him a very interesting material to study.

This thesis will be divided into three main parts: the theoretical part, methodology and the practical part.

The theoretical part of my thesis will consist of 5 main sections. Chapter 2 will focus on Donald Trump. First, I will introduce Donald Trump's biography before and during his political career. I will discuss his relationship with Twitter as his favorite mode of communication. The next area of focus will be the linguistic style

of Donald Trump. Fortunately, there already is research into this topic, e.g. McMurry 2019, which will be the main source for this chapter.

In Chapter 3 I will focus on electronic communication and Twitter. Electronic communication has its own specificities, which will be discussed here. The main theoretical sources of this chapter will be Biber and Conrad (2009) and David Crystal (2006, 2011). Then I will examine Twitter as a very specific communication tool. The fact that there is a limit on the numbers of characters that a tweet can have means that there have to be differences between communication on Twitter and other forms of communication (Ott 2017, 60). In this part I will define these differences. Another area of focus will be specifically the use of Twitter in politics. For a while now, Twitter has been a popular tool with politicians, who use it as a direct informal means of communicating with voters and constituents (Enli 2017, 52).

Chapter 4 will discuss the topic of political discourse and political discourse analysis. Political discourse is different from general discourse and has its own specificities (van Dijk 1997, 12). In this part I will define political discourse and its main characteristics. The main theoretical sources for this chapter will be van Dijk (1997), Paul Chilton (2004) and Ruth Wodak (2009).

Chapter 5 will deal with previous research on the same or similar topics. There has been research into Trump and his very specific style of expression. I will focus on research of Donald Trump's style of speech and writing and other research on Trump's relationship with Twitter.

Chapter 6 and the final section of the theoretical part will deal with the definition of selected terms necessary for the practical part.

The methodology of the practical part will be quantitative. I will create a corpus of 200 tweets of Donald Trump. These tweets will be specified by date and topic. I will only include tweets that have been written during Donald Trump's presidency, not from the 2016 presidential election or before that. These tweets will than be analyzed from several perspectives based on the research questions, with the focus of the analysis being on emphasis, condensation and Trump's relationship with his reader.

To compare and single out Trump's idiosyncrasies a second corpus of tweets by Donald Trump's political opponent in the 2016 presidential elections Hillary Clinton will be collected. This corpus is smaller, it consists of 100 tweets and its only purpose is to be used to put the analysis of Trump's tweets into perspective.

I will only concentrate on tweets whose main topic is politics. I will focus on tweets which deal with subjects such as the border wall, his criticism of the Democrats, immigration, the government shutdown, the Mueller investigation and trade. I will exclude any tweets that deal with Trump's personal life, e.g. his criticism of celebrities or feuds with people.

Both corpuses will then be analyzed. The main method will be quantitative analysis of the collected data. I intend to count Trump's idiosyncrasies, map them and try to determine if there is a pattern and how his tweets differ from Hilary Clinton's. The output of the corpus will be quantitative statistical data and graphs that I will analyze to see if there are any possible patterns.

The practical part will be divided based on linguistic levels. First Trump's relationship with the reader will be focused on. This will be mainly from a grammatical point of view: typos, spelling mistakes, hyphens, ellipsis dots in continuous tweets etc.

On the graphic level the focus will be on capitalization, both of only the first letter and the whole word. Trump's use of the exclamation point will be discussed and so will his use of special characters specific to Twitter: the at sign and the hashtag. On the lexical level this thesis will deal with Trump's use of evaluative adjectives and adverbials, contracted forms, hedges and abbreviations and repetition of certain words. On the syntactic level sentence length, minor sentences and number of clauses will be analyzed.

My hypothesis is that there will be some patterns in Donald Trump's behavior on Twitter. However, he may not be adhering to these patterns on purpose and may not be aware of them. I expect that these patterns would be in areas such as the use of capitalization of letters or repetitions of words and phrases to emphasize his main ideas he wants to get across.

Nevertheless, I expect that in some areas, such as typos and the number of ellipsis dots used in continued tweets, or punctuation, there will not be any patterns. Here I believe the use of these phenomena is random.

2. Donald Trump

This chapter deals with Donald Trump. It will introduce Donald Trump's biography before and during his political career, next it will discuss his relationship with Twitter as his favorite mode of communication. The last area of focus will be the linguistic style of Donald Trump.

2.1 Biography

Donald John Trump was born on June 14, 1946 in Queens, New York, to Frederick Trump and Mary Ann Trump, born MacLeod. His father was a successful real estate developer. He has four siblings – Maryanne Trump Barry, Fred Trump Jr., Elizabeth Trump and Robert Trump (Biography 2020[1]).

At the age 13 Trump was sent to the New York Military Academy. After graduating from the Academy, he entered Fordham University in 1964. He later transferred to the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1968. His Major was economics (Biography 2020).

Donald Trump has been married three times. His first wife was Ivana Trump, born Ivana Zelníčková. Zelníčková was born in the Czech Republic and was an alternate on the 1972Czech Olympic Ski Team. They were married in 1977 and got divorced in 1992. They have three children together: Donald Trump Jr., Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump. All three children are involved in the Trump presidency. Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump took over the family business while their father serves as president. Ivanka Trump currently serves as an advisor to her father along with her husband Jared Kushner (Biography 2020). His second wife was Marla Maples, an actress. They were married in 1993 and divorced in 1999. They have one daughter together, Tiffany (Biography 2020). His third wife and the current first lady of the United States is Melania Trump, born Melania Knauss. Melania Trump

---

[1] Available at https://www.biography.com/us-president/donald-trump

was born in Slovenia and was a model when she and Trump met. They married in January 2005. They have one son together, Baron (Biography 2020).

Donald Trump has a wide variety of business ventures. The first and biggest part of his business empire is in real estate. He owns many important sites including Trump Tower in New York and Mar-a-Lago in Florida. Besides real estate he also has other business ventures. He appeared as a judge on the reality TV Show *Celebrity Apprentice* on the NBC Network from 2008 to 2015. He owned several beauty pageants including Miss Universe and Miss USA (Biography 2020).

Trump has changed his political affiliation several times over his life. In 1987, Trump registered as a Republican. In 1989, he changed it to Independent. In 2000 he decided to run for President, seeking the nomination of the Reform Party. He announced his candidacy on October 7, 1999 and withdrew on February 14, 2000, very early into the race. In 2001, he registered as a Democrat. In 2009, Trump switched back to the Republican, but went independent again in 2011. In 2012, he chose to be a Republican and has remained so to this day (Biography 2020).

In 1987 Trump published his book The Art of the Deal, which he co-wrote with the journalist Tony Schwartz. It is a book where Trump describes how he became a successful businessman and gives advice to his readers. It reached number one on the New York Times Bestseller List (Biography 2020).

Donald Trump announced his candidacy for president on June 16, 2015. He ran as a candidate for the Republican party. At first. his candidacy was not taken very seriously. In the primaries he ran against several Republican opponents including Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio. He officially became the Republican party nominee at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland on July 21, 2016. In the general election he ran against the Democratic party candidate Hillary Clinton. The election took place on November 8, 2016. Trump won the majority of the electoral college: 306 against Clinton's 232. However, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by almost 2,9 million votes. Donald Trump was inaugurated into office on January 20. 2017 (Biography 2020).

2.2 Donald Trump and Twitter

Twitter changed the way the government communicates with its citizens: instead of a Press Secretary and the media, Trump can communicate with his audiences directly without any intermediaries.

He uses only one Twitter account – his official one – with the handle @realDonaldTrump. This account is also the source of the tweets being analyzed in the practical part of this work. There are other accounts being used by the White House staff that are also considered official: @WhiteHouse, @POTUS.

Trump uses Twitter far more than any other social media site like Instagram or Facebook. He is very active not only with his own tweets but also retweeting others. As of April 20, 2020, he has posted about 51 thousand tweets and has 77,6 million followers (Twitter 2020[2]).

One of the reasons that Twitter is so popular with Trump and why he is so successful in using it is the limit on the maximum characters used. Twitter is the ideal tool of politicians with simple clear messages and policies (van Kessel 2016, 596). This certainly fits Trump's political style perfectly as his messages tend to be very simplistic: Make America Great Again, no immigrants, Muslim ban, Build the Wall or Lock her up. These messages are easier to transfer to the through Twitter voters then more complicated and nuanced policies and solutions of other politicians. They may also be easier to understand by the users of Twitter.

2.3 Trump and Language

Donald Trump has a very specific style of expression. Andrew McMurry dubbed Trump's idiolect "Trumpolect". Here, he includes his vocabulary, phrases and clauses and concludes that his idiolect is a part of Trump's political career (McMurry 2019, 33). Twitter is specifically stated here as one of the platforms, where Trump is his most authentic self (McMurry 2019, 35). McMurry conducted a critical discourse analysis of Trumpolect.

---

[2] Available at https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump

On the macrolevel, he summarized this: "In classical rhetorical terms, we could say that Trump operates with a view to enhancing his ethos (credibility, trustworthiness) and creating pathos (audience emotional response). He has little if any interest in logos (logical argumentation) (McMurry 2019, 37)."

McMurry focused on four distinct parts of Trumplect: modality, hedging and qualifying, transitivity and nominalization, and lexicon. When dealing with modality, McMurry discusses Trump's relationship with the truth. He distinguishes between two types of modality:

1. High modality: statements that admit little doubt
2. Low modality: statements that admit plenty of doubt (McMurry 2019, 39).

Trump used a significant amount of high modality statements; he was confident even when his statements were not supported by facts. These high modality statements were positively received by his base (McMurry 2019, 39). By using these statements and presenting his opinion as an absolute fact, he distinguishes himself, in the view of his base, from other politicians who use more low modality statements. To them he therefore seems more truthful and honest then other politicians. This results in the phrases attached to him: He tells it like it is, etc. (McMurry 2019, 40).

Concerning hedges and qualifying, McMurry states that he uses them to soften his message. Some of his high modality statements are too outrageous or extreme and Trump uses lexical hedges to soften the message. McMurry discovered that there is a pattern to Trump's speech. He makes a strong assertion and in the next part he tempers it or reverses it. The fact that he contradicts himself and softens his message means that he appeals to a wider audience: some are attracted by the extreme statement and those that would be repulsed by the extreme message will be appeased by the hedging. He however seldom uses hedges like approximators, or modal auxiliaries (McMurry 2019, 41).

Thirdly McMurry dealt with transitivity and nominalization, i.e. verbs and nouns and the relationship between them. There were some patterns there as well. Trump portrayed himself as powerful, intelligent and active, compared to his opponents, whom he described as passive (McMurry 2019, 43). Concerning nominalization,

Trump used it very little, always favoring active verbs over nouns to again highlight his activeness and it also to provide a more vivid and concrete narrations (McMurry 2019, 46).

Lastly McMurry dealt with Trump's vocabulary. He states that Trump uses a very limited vocabulary. He repeats the same words over and over and uses very few synonyms. McMurry claims that Trump does this on purpose. He found the words that most resonate with his base. An example can be his use of negative nouns against his opponents. One of the biggest signs of Trumpolect is Trump's use of overlexicalization. This means overusing words, synonyms and quasi-synonyms. It can also be called "overwording". This again resonates well with his base, because to them it comes across as confidence (McMurry 2019, 50).

Another feature of his vocabulary is his tendency to give his political opponents derogatory nicknames. In politics, it is customary to refer to people by their titles and positions – honorifics (*Senator Cruz, Secretary Clinton).* Instead of using these honorifics, Trump replaces them with derogatory nicknames and refers to his opponents with their first names (*Lyin' Ted, Crooked Hillary*) (McMurry 2019, 51).

Trump also differs from other politicians in terms of register. Even in political settings, he uses informal register used in private conversations. This again brings him closer to his base as they find his use of colloquialisms and naturalness appealing (McMurry 2019, 51).

To conclude his study, McMurry states that Trump is a salesman. He uses language to try to gain voters. By hedging and repetition he is trying to appeal to the widest audience possible in order to be elected (McMurry 2019, 52). By his language he distinguishes himself from the other politicians and from the "establishment" and capitalizes on the fact that a lot of people dislike traditional politicians and political discourse (McMurry 2019, 55).

McMurry is not the only person to have done research on Trump and language. His style of writing is so specific and expected and typical of him that the White House staff purposefully add grammatical errors to tweets they draft for his account so that it looks like he wrote it. (Business Insider 2018)

The website factba.se analyzed Trump's speech and the analysis showed that Trump's vocabulary level is on the level of a fourth grader, which is the worst score for a president in the last 90 years (factba.se 2018).

3. Electronic Communication

This chapter discusses electronic communication with particular focus on Twitter. First area of focus is the linguistic characteristics of electronic communication in general. The second area of focus is Twitter, more specifically the history of Twitter, Twitter as a political tool and the specific linguistic style of Twitter.

3.1 Electronic Communication

Electronic communication differs from normal communication in several aspects. David Crystal even suggested a new branch of linguistics, that would deal with electronic communication: Internet linguistics (Crystal 2005, 1). In this chapter, this type of communication, its characteristics and how it differs from other types of communication will be reviewed.

Biber and Conrad discuss electronic communication in their book *Register, Genre and Style* (2009). In the chapter that focuses on electronic communication, they focus on three distinct types: e-mails, text messages and e-forum messages (Biber and Conrad 2009, 190). Although Twitter is not mentioned by them, it would best fit into the e-forum message category, as it fits many of the characteristics of this genre. They define several characteristics of this type of communication.

The postings are public for everyone to see and respond to, there is no leader of the conversation. The writer of the message has as much time as they want for planning and rewriting the message, but they can also write and respond to others as quickly as they want. Readers can re-read the messages, save them and sometimes share them with others (Biber and Conrad 2009, 191). There is usually additional information made available by the website , such as the number of posts (tweets), their country and place of origin, the date the author joined the website, number of followers and the device they are using (Biber and Conrad 2009, 191). Additionally, there is the biography and information the author chooses to share about themselves in their profile. In this, e-forum communication differs from e.g. email communication (Biber and Conrad 2009, 191). E-forum communication also differs

from email in its speed. The response here is usually very fast, within minutes or hours, compared to days with email (Biber and Conrad 2009, 192).

Linguistically, e-forum communication can differ from non-electronic communication. Biber and Conrad claim that generally these posts follow the rules of grammar and punctuation (Biber and Conrad 2009, 194). According to them, the most used non-standard feature is the use of no or only occasional capitalization (Biber and Conrad 2009, 194). Another frequent feature is ellipsis and skipping subject pronouns. In this, e-forum communication is more similar to spoken language rather than written language and reflects the speed and interaction of these postings (Biber and Conrad 2009, 194). Punctuation is used more often and in non-standard ways to convey emotions and feelings. Based on their research, e-forum communication has shorter clauses and a higher use of adverbs and adjectives that email (Biber and Conrad 2009, 195).

E-forum communication also differs from standard written communication by its lack of opening and closing phrases. Posts are rarely opened with a salutation and are not closed by a signature, as the author of the post is obvious (Biber and Conrad 2009, 196). This specifically applies to Twitter, more than other types of e-communication.

Another theoretician who deals with electronic communication is David Crystal in *Language and the Internet* (2006). Here he uses the term Netspeak, when referring to communication on the Internet (Crystal 2006, 19). He points out that Netspeak has characteristics of both written and spoken language (Crystal 2006, 31). The characteristics of the spoken language mentioned is the interactive character of the communication: there is considerably more interaction between readers and authors than in regular written communication. This especially applies to chat groups, instant messaging and emails (Crystal 2006, 31). Twitter would also be in this category. Another aspect characteristic of spoken language is the time factor – participants expect quick response (Crystal 2006, 31).

Crystal deals with several types of electronic communication, among them emails, chatgroups, language of virtual worlds, language of the Web, blogging and instant messaging (Crystal 2006, v). Twitter is not mentioned as an example, but within these categories, it would best fit into the blogging category.

According to Crystal, blogging has one thing in common: unmediated language. There is no editor or proofreader to check the posts (Crystal 2006, 15). This also means lack of censure and therefore everyone can post their extreme or radical opinions without difficulty (Crystal 2006, 241). Trump and his Twitter feed would certainly fit into this category.

Linguistically, Crystal claims that posts generally adhere to rules of grammar, but there can be divergence from the norms in some aspects: spelling, vocabulary or punctuation. The language tends to be informal and the style used falls between standard and non-standard English (Crystal 2006, 244). At the lower grammatical levels, there can be features that would be considered unacceptable in printed media, such as split infinitives or wrong prepositions. According to Crystal this unconstrained flow is close to the way the writer talks (Crystal 2006, 245). When it comes to sentences, they tend to follow units of thought, and are not always elegant (Crystal 2006, 245). However, it is important to note that these characteristics and idiosyncrasies vary from writer to writer (Crystal 2006, 246).

Twitter is not mentioned in this book. It came out in 2006, the same year Twitter was created, therefore it could not have been there. Crystal however published a book in 2011 *Internet Linguistics: A Student Guide*, where there is a chapter about Twitter. This book is discussed in the following section.

3.2 Twitter

Twitter is an online microblogging service for distributing short messages among groups of people. The number of characters allowed was originally 140 but this was raised in 2017 to 280 characters (Britannica 2020). Twitter differs from Facebook in that rather than creating social circles, twitter users have audiences (Weller 2014, xv).

Twitter was founded in 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams. Twitter has about 320 million active users (Britannica 2020). According to the Alexa ranking site as of April 20, 2020 Twitter is the 43rd most visited site on the Internet (Alexa 2020).

3.3 Twitter as a Political Tool

Twitter is very popular with politicians. Zubiaga et al. claim that Twitter is popular because of two reasons:

> (1) the shortness of tweets, which cannot exceed 140 [today 280] characters, facilitates creation and sharing of messages in a few seconds, and (2) the easiness of spreading those messages to many users in very little time (Zubiaga et al. 2014, 2).

Politicians use Twitter to spread information quickly to their constituents. Unlike official party messages, Tweets can be used instantly to e.g. react to a political situation or the statement of a political opponent. It can also be used to raise awareness of issues they want to promote (Parmelee 2013, 4). Politicians use tweets to shape public opinion as tweets are shown to be persuasive (Parmelee 2013, 4). Politicians use Twitter to gain voters as research shows that using Twitter may play an important part in encouraging people to participate in politics (Park 2013, 1646). People and politicians that have strong opinions and leadership tend to use Twitter more frequently than those who do not (Park 2013, 1646).

Twitter was used as an important political tool during the 2008 presidential election. "Twitter has become a legitimate communication channel in the political arena as a result of the 2008 campaign (Tumasjan 2010, 178)." Especially Barack Obama relied on social media to help him in the election and his online presence is one of the factors that helped him win the presidency (Tumasjan 2010, 178).

During the 2016 presidential campaign Twitter was the most used influential social media site. During the election year about 1 billion election related tweets were posted. (NY Times 2016). A significant indicator of how important Twitter was during the campaign is the fact that Hillary Clinton also used Twitter to officially launch her presidential campaign on April 12, 2015 with her tweet: "I'm running for president. Everyday Americans need a champion, and I want to be that champion. –H" (@HillaryClinton, April 12, 2015).

3.4 Twitter and Linguistics

As mentioned earlier Crystal deals with Twitter in *Internet Linguistics: A Student Guide.* Crystal claims that it is difficult to make generalizations when it comes to the style of tweets because there is no single author (Crystal 2011, 39). According to him, tweets have two kinds of material: the message itself and optional identifiers (hashtags, at sign, URI) (Crystal 2011, 39).

Crystal conducted a study and analyzed 146 tweets to find patterns and repeated linguistic tools. Here are some conclusions: There was a wide variety of shortening techniques used: contractions, logograms (&), abbreviations, ellipsis, omitting unnecessary words, shorter non-standard spelling (u/you, ppl/ people, thx/ thanks), etc. (Crystal 2011, 44).

Crystal was surprised that the rules of grammar when it comes to punctuation were generally followed (Crystal 2011, 45).

Most tweets had one or two sentences. Sentence length was longer that in e.g. instant messaging and these sentences tended to be more complex than average (Crystal 2011, 47). There were also what Crystal called "sentence fragments", especially in advertisements and announcements (e.g. Language packs for Windows XP Service Pack 3 – Full: Windows Software) (Crystal 2011, 45). Another noticeable feature of tweets were minor sentences (wow, hey, haha, etc). They were much more frequent that in regular discourse (Crystal 2011, 46). When it came to content, most messages contained the writer's personal opinion and advertisement (Crystal 2011, 50).

Zubiaga et al. (2014, 2) claim that Twitter has its own syntax adopted by most of the community and the developers. They define four main standards specific to the use of Twitter:

- User mentions: i.e. mentioning another twitter user and using the at-sign
- Replies: a user can reply to another user by adding the at sign
- Retweets: resharing of another person's tweet, the retweet copies the original message.

- Hashtags: hashtags group tweets into conversations based on topics, they represent the main point of the tweet (Zubiaga et al. 2014, 2).

In 2017 Brian L. Ott published „The age of Twitter: Donald J. Trump and the politics of debasement." Here, he claims that Twitter communication has three key features: simplicity, impulsivity, and incivility (Ott 2017, 60). All these three features certainly apply to Donald Trump's tweets. Twitter demands simplicity because of the limited number of characters per tweet. Therefore, the tweet cannot be complex. One feature he uses as an argument for this is the common practice of linking. "Twitter users often post links to videos, news articles, government reports, and research studies because the ideas contained in those messages are too complex to be tweeted. When clever and even smart ideas are expressed on Twitter, the form demands that they are greatly simplified (Ott 2017, 61)."

Impulsivity is the result of how easy it is to use Twitter. "Tweeting requires little forethought, reflection, or consideration of consequences (Ott 2017, 62)."

Incivility in Twitter is, according to Ott, the result of two dimensions. The first dimension is the informality of Twitter. The rules of grammar and style are not enforced, and this leads to incivility (Ott 2017, 62). The second dimension is the depersonalization of interaction. The lack of personal communication and physical interaction leads to uncivil behavior (Ott 2017, 62).

4. Political Discourse

This chapter will deal with the definition and characteristics of political discourse and political discourse analysis.

The definition of political discourse is tightly connected to the definition of politics and political activity. Political activity does not only involve politicians, but also voters, demonstrators, the media, and other groups and people (van Dijk 1997, 12).

There are several perspectives that need to be analyzed in order to define political discourse. First, there is the perspective of the participants in political discourse. Van Dijk claims that the simplest definition of political discourse is that it is identified by its actors or authors: politicians (van Dijk 1997, 12). However, politicians (the authors) are not the only participants in political discourse. There are also the recipients (e.g. the public, citizens, the masses) (van Dijk 1997, 12).

Another perspective is the nature of activities and practices being done by political texts and talk. Even politicians are not involved in political discourse all the time. This extents to other people and groups as well. Therefore, the definition mentioned earlier needs to be narrowed: "[political discourse] members are participants of political discourse only when acting as political actors, and hence as participating in political actions, such as governing , ruling, legislating, protesting, dissenting, or voting (van Dijk 1997, 14)."

The most important perspective of political discourse is context. Context is the combination of previously discussed participants and actions and additionally events and encounters (van Dijk 1997, 14). These encounters have

> their own settings (time, place, circumstances), occasions, intentions, functions, goals, and legal or political implications. That is, politicians talk politically also (or only) if they and their talk are contextualized in such communicative events such as cabinet meetings, parliamentary sessions, election campaigns, rallies, interviews with the media, bureaucratic practices, protest demonstrations, and so on (van Dijk 1997, 14).

Therefore, political discourse is defined by text and context (van Dijk 1997, 14). One last perspective of political discourse is the specific aims and goals of the participants (van Dijk 1997, 14).

Therefore, van Dijk offers a contextual definition of political discourse:

> … in terms of special events or practices of which the aims, goals or functions are maybe not exclusively but at least primarily political. This excludes the talk of politicians outside of political contexts, and includes the discourse of all other groups, institutions or citizens as soon as they participate in political events (van Dijk 1997, 15).

4.1 Political Discourse Analysis

Van Dijk states that PDA can be defined in two ways. First, PDA focuses on the analysis of "political discourse" and it can also be understood as a political approach to discourse and discourse analysis (van Dijk 1997, 11). PDA is both about political discourse, and it is also a critical enterprise. From critical discourse analysis point of view this means that critical-political discourse analysis deals especially with the reproduction of political power, power abuse or domination through political discourse (van Dijk 1997, 11).

Fairclough & Fairclough draw from van Dijk and agree with his definition on PDA, especially with his view that it is a critical enterprise. Their definition of Political Discourse Analysis is as follows:

> PDA is therefore understood as the analysis of political discourse from a political discourse from a critical perspective, a perspective which focuses on the reproduction and contestation of political *power* through political discourse (Fairclough and Fairclough 2012, 17).

They also agree with his view on actors, processes and context (Fairclough and Fairclough 2012, 17).

As discussed above, van Dijk offers a contextual definition of political discourse and context is what differentiates political discourse from other discourse. Van Dijk

therefore concludes that "once we have analyzed the particular properties of political contexts, political discourse analysis in many respects will be like any other kind of discourse analysis. The specifics of political discourse analysis therefore should be searched for in the relations between discourse structures and political context structures (van Dijk 1997, 24)."

One issue that could help define political discourse and political discourse analysis is determining whether there exist any structures or texts that are prototypically political, that means that they only appear in political discourse and signal it. Van Dijk concludes that existence of such structures is unlikely as most structures have multiple functions(van Dijk 1997, 24).

Despite the lack of prototypical texts, there are some structures that are typical of political discourse. There are some texts, where there are mandatory and expected structures. These would be e.g. laws and regulations (van Dijk 1997, 24). This would also apply to spoken language, e.g. parliamentary debates. Political discourse therefore has some stylistic constraints. Some are only part of political discourse; others can be shared with other types of official discourse. Standardization of expression is not the only reason for choosing certain discourse structures. The other reason is the purpose of the text, in this case effectiveness and persuasion (van Dijk 1997, 25). Participants of political discourse choose lexical items because they emphasize or de-emphasize political issues, garner support, manipulate public opinion, etc. (van Dijk 1997, 25). This does not apply only to lexical items, but also topics, metaphors. To conclude, there are some structures and strategies of political discourse that are not exclusive but are typical and preferred (van Dijk 1997, 25).

These structures and strategies may be:

1. Topic: While political discourse is mainly about politics, it is combined with other topics from other social domains, such as immigration, religion,… Having topical constraints on political discourse is therefore impossible.

2. Superstructures or textual schemata: strategies for emphasis, structure of arguments, typical structures of certain genres.

3. Local semantics: cohesion, coherence, implied meaning, explicit and implicit meaning.

4. Lexicon: political enemies will be described negatively, and the speaker will use euphemisms to describe their own negative properties or bad habits.
5. Syntax: manipulation of style, the use of pronouns, word order, active and passive constructions, nominalizations, clauses, sentence complexity, etc.
6. Rhetoric: repetition, deletion, additions, substitution,…
7. Expression structures: structures of sound and graphics are used to emphasize and de-emphasize messages (e.g. volume, intonation, font, color of text, photographs).
8. Speech acts and interaction: varies considerably, government declarations are assertives, laws are directives, parliamentary debates are a mix of assertions, questions, accusations and apologies, political dissent is an accusation (van Dijk 1997, 26-36).

Another important researcher of political discourse and political discourse analysis is Paul Chilton. One of his books discussing political discourse is *Analysing Political Discourse: Theory and Practice* (Chilton 2004).

In the conclusion of his book he proposes several characteristics of political discourse.

1. Political discourse operates indexically: this means one's choice of language (regional accent, social class accent).
2. Political discourse operates as an interaction.
3. Interaction functions to negotiate representations: Shared representation of the world.
4. Recursive properties of language subserve political interaction.
5. Modal properties of language subserve political interaction.
6. Binary conceptualisations are frequent in political discourse.
7. Political representations are sets of role-players and their relations.
8. Political discourse draws on spatial cognition.
9. Political discourse involves metaphorical reasoning.
10. Spatial metaphors make concepts of the group and identity available.

11. Political discourse has specific connections to the emotional centres of the brain.

12. Political discourse is anchored in multi-dimensional deixis (Chilton 2004, 201-204).

The last important theoretician of PDA is Ruth Wodak, whose approach is called the Discourse-Historical Approach (DHA) and is explained in *The Discourse of Politics in Action: Politics in Action* (Wodak 2009). DHA distinguishes three dimensions that constitute textual meanings and structures: the topics, the discursive strategies and linguistic means (Wodak 2009, 38).

When discussing topics, Wodak importantly distinguishes fields of action (dimensions of discourse as social practice). She defines 12 fields of action, though this list is presumably not exhaustive. Examples can be: lawmaking procedures, formation of public opinion, political advertising, political control, etc. All these fields of action have many subgenres (Wodak 2009, 41).

Concerning discursive strategies, she distinguishes five types: referential strategies, predicational strategies, argumentation strategies, discourse representation and intensifying strategies. All the strategies are realized through linguistic means (Wodak 2009, 40-42).

5. Previous Research on the Topic

There has been some research on the topic of Donald Trump's tweets. However, most research on Trump's tweets focuses on the content of the message and not the form. Researchers focus on his political agenda and how his tweets manipulate and persuade the general public.

Ramona Kreis wrote a paper called "The "Tweet Politics" of President Trump" which focuses on how Donald Trump uses Twitter as a tool to disseminate his political agenda (Kreis 2017).

Among the research focusing on content, several can be mentioned: Anderson (2017), Ott (2017), Enli (2017), van Kessel (2016).

Regarding Donald Trump's language, there has also been some research. In 2019 a book titled *Reading Donald Trump* was published. It consists of ten chapters, each done by a different author and each focusing on different parts of Donald Trump's expression. The chapters focus on different topics and issues e.g. immigration, gender, economy (Kowalski 2019). One chapter written by Andrew McMurry specifically deals with Trump idiosyncratic language. This chapter is examined closer in this thesis.

In 2017 Callie Smith Foster wrote a thesis on Trump's Tweets titled *Twitter as a platform for engaging political dialogue: a dialogic theory content analysis of Donald Trump's general election campaign Twitter feed* (Foster 2017). This thesis focuses on how Trump uses Twitter to further his political agenda.

In 2018 Lenka Fišbachová wrote a bachelor thesis at Masaryk University *Tweeting as a New Style of Political Discourse: Linguistic Analysis of Donald Trump's Tweets*. This thesis focuses on how Trump uses Twitter as a tool for self-branding and self-promotion with special focus on his linguistic expressions (Fišbachová 2018).

Bryan Anderson wrote a paper named "Tweeter-in-Chief: A Content Analysis of President Trump's Tweeting Habits" in 2017 which focuses on the content of Trump's Tweets (Anderson 2017).

Brian L. Ott wrote a research paper "The age of Twitter: Donald J. Trump and the politics of debasement" which focuses on how Donald Trump and Twitter changed political discourse (Ott 2017).

In addition to academic work there have been many articles by the media discussing Trump's Twitter done by well-respected media outlets including Politico, The New York Times, Business Insider, CNN, Washington Post, etc.

On the website Vox, which is a media outlet, the journalist Zachary Crockett wrote an article called "What I learned analyzing 7 months of Donald Trump's tweets". In 2016 Crockett analyzed Donald Trump's tweets from several perspectives: whether the tweets were positive or negative, the use of positive and negative adjectives, use of exclamation points, all capitals, the content of the tweets, most common phrases, and the addressees of his tweets (Vox 2016).

Besides published work on this topic, there is also a Twitter account devoted to identifying grammatical mistakes in Trump's Tweets. This Twitter account with the handle @TrumpGrammar has as of April 20, 2020, 2,683 tweets where the account owners explain and correct grammatical and stylistic mistakes in Donald Trump's tweets (Twitter 2020[3]).

---

[3] Available at https://twitter.com/trumpgrammar?lang=en

6. Definition of Terms

This chapter deals with the definition of selected terms. These definitions are necessary for the full understanding of the practical part results.

6.1 Hedges and Graduation

There is a wide variety of research done on the topic of hedges. The many definitions of hedges will be discussed here in the chronological order of publication of theory.

In 1973 G. Lakoff had made a very simple definition of hedges: "words whose job is to make things fuzzier (1973, 471)." He also gave a list of frequently used hedges (Lakoff 1973, 472).

Labov also deals with hedges, though he does not use this term. He uses the term intensity, and he does not give a general definition of intensity, because he claims that it is difficult to describe (Labov 1984, 43). He divides intensity into several categories, one of which is intensity in adverbs, and here there is a definition that would fit well with the other definitions of hedges:

> 'Intensity' is defined here as the emotional expression of social orientation toward the linguistic proposition: the commitment of the self to the proposition. The speaker relates future estimates of his or her honesty, intelligence, and dependability to the truth of the proposition. Intensity operates on a scale centered about the zero, or unmarked expression, with both positive (aggravated or intensified) and negative (mitigated or minimized) poles (Labov 1984, 43-44).

Brown and Levinson deal with hedges when discussing politeness and face threatening acts and here hedges are used to be less threatening. They define hedges as "a particle, word or phrase that modifies the degree of membership of a predicate or noun phrase in a set; it says of that membership that it is partial, or true only in certain respects, or that it is more true and complete than perhaps might be expected (Brown and Levinson 1987, 145)."

They divide hedges into several types:

1. Hedges on illocutionary force: to hedge these assumptions – that is, to avoid commitment to them – is a primary and fundamental method of disarming routine interactional threats.

2. Hedges on Grice's Maxims: In an exactly parallel way, conversational principles are the source of strong background assumptions about cooperation, informativeness, truthfulness, relevance and clarity, which on many occasions need to be softened for reasons of face.

3. Hedges encoded in particles: these do not occur in the English language; therefore, they will not be discussed here.

4. Adverbial clause hedges: in a way, as it were, it seems to me (162)

5. If clause hedges.

6. Hedges addressed to politeness strategies: function directly as notices of violations of face wants (frankly, to be honest).

7. Prosodic and kinesic hedges: non-verbal hedges (facial expressions, hesitation, hmmm,…) (Brown and Levinson 1987, 146-172).

In 1996, Yule also discussed hedges in *Pragmatics*. He focuses mainly on the relationship between hedges and Grice's Maxims. Here, he defines hedges: "There are certain kinds of expressions speakers use to mark they may be in danger of not fully adhering to [Grice's] principles. These kinds of expressions are called hedges (Yule 1996, 37-38)."

He divides hedges into four categories, based on Grice's maxims.

1. Hedges on quality maxim: e.g. As far as I know, I guess, I'm not sure, but,…

2. Hedges on quantity maxim: to cut a long story short,

3. Hedges on relation maxim: by the way, anyway,

4. Hedges on manner maxim: I'm not sure if this makes sense, this may be a bit confused, but, etc. (Yule 1996, 38-39).

Hyland also deals with hedges, with his focus being on hedges in academic and scientific writing. In 1998 he defined hedging as "any linguistic means used to indicate either a) a lack of complete commitment to the truth value of an accompanying proposition, or b) a desire not to express that commitment

25

categorically (Hyland 1998, 1)." He further elaborated on this in another work. His second definition is as follows: "Hedges and boosters are communicative strategies for increasing or reducing the force of statements. (Hyland 2000, 87)." He distinguishes between two terms; *hedges* and *boosters*:

1. Boosters (e.g. clearly, obviously, of course) allow writers to express their certainty in what they say and to mark involvement and solidarity with their audience, stressing shared information, group membership and direct engagement with readers (Hyland 2000, 87).

2. Hedges, like *possible, might* and *perhaps*, on the other hand, represent explicit qualification of the writer's commitment. This may be to show uncertainty and indicate that information is presented as opinion rather than accredited fact, or it may be to convey deference, modesty or respect for colleagues' views. Like boosters, these are also often found in clusters, but here they work to reinforce the uncertainty of the writer's propositions, or at least the degree of certainty that it may be prudent to attribute to them (Hyland 2000, 88).

In more recent research, Martin and White also discuss hedges when explaining graduation. This classification will be used in the practical part of this thesis. Graduation is defined as follows: "It is a general property of values of affect, judgement and appreciation that they construe greater or lesser degrees of positivity or negativity (Martin and White 2005, 135)." Graduation is divided into two categories:

1. Force: grading according to intensity or amount, scalar assessment, assessments of
   size, vigor, extent, proximity.

2. Focus: graduation according to prototypicality, phenomena are scaled by reference to the degree to which they match some supposed core or exemplary instance of a semantic category (Martin and White 2005, 137).

They further differentiate between two types of focus:

1. Sharpening: "up-scaling" by others called intensifiers, boosters and amplifiers (a true friend).

2. Softening: "down-scaling", these would be what others refer to as hedges (Martin and White 2005, 138).

Force is also further divided into intensification and quantification.

Intensification

    a. Quality (slightly sad – very sad)

    b. Process (slightly disturbed me – greatly disturbed)

Modes of intensification

1. Isolating: Intensification (up/down-scaling) is done through an isolated individual item.
   a. Up/down-scaling of qualities
      i. Pre-modification of an adjective (a bit miserable, very miserable, extremely miserable)
      ii. Pre-modification of an adverb (somewhat abruptly, fairly abruptly, very abruptly)
   b. Up/down-scaling of verbal process
      i. Adverbially modified verbal group (this upset me a slightly, this upset me a bit)
   c. Up/down-scaling of modalities (just possible, quite possible, very possible)
2. Maximisation: use of maximisers (utterly miserable, totally miserable, absolutely miserable).
3. Lexicalisation: grammatical items that have no referential meaning (ice cold, crystal clear, amazingly happy, ridiculously cold).
4. Infusion: there is no separate lexical form conveying up/down-scaling (happy, this terrified me, possible).
5. Repetition: either of the same word (it was very, very hot) or using several words with similar meaning (He was the most immature, irresponsible man in the world.) (Martin and White 2005, 140-145).

Quantification: scaling of amount (size, weight, strength, number) or of extent (time, space)

        a.   Number (a few, many)

        b.   Mass (tiny, small, large)

        c.   Extent

            i. Proximity

                1. Time (recent, ancient)

                2. Space (nearby, ancient)

           ii. Distribution

                1. Time (short, long-lasting)

                2. Space (wide-spread, narrowly-spread)

Modes of quantification:

1. Isolation: isolated term, a modifier is used (many, large, heavy)
2. Infusion: quantification is done by a noun head, metaphors (a slip of a girl, a mountain of a man) (Martin and White 2005,148-152).

6.2 Cooperative Principle and Grice's Maxims

As Grice's maxims, which are a part of the cooperative principle, are discussed a lot in the previous chapter and are crucial to understanding hedges, they are explained here.

The cooperative principle was introduced by H. P. Grice who defines it as follows:

> We might then formulate a rough general principle which participants will be expected (ceteris paribus) to observe, namely: Make your conversational contribution such as is required, at the stage at which it occurs, by the accepted purpose or direction of the talk exchange in which you are engaged. One might label this the COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE (Grice 1975, 45).

The Cooperative Principle consist of four Maxims:

1. **Maxim of quantity**
   a. Make your contribution as informative as required
   b. Do not make your contribution more informative than is required

2. **Maxim of quality** has a supermaxim: try to make your contribution one that is true.
   a. Do not say what you believe to be false
   b. Do not say what you lack adequate evidence
3. **Maxim of relation:** Be relevant.
4. **Maxim of manner**: supermaxim be perspicuous:
   a. Avoid obscurity of expression
   b. Avoid Ambiguity
   c. Be brief
   d. Be Orderly (Grice 1975, 45-46).

Of course, people do not always abide by these principles. The violation of these principles is much more likely in political discourse then in everyday discourse. In political discourse politicians are more likely to quietly violate the principles. Politicians are famous for lies, manipulating the truth, avoiding topics they do not want to talk about, half-truths, purposely redirecting the focus on topics important to them.

However, since this is what politicians are famous for, people expect it from them (Chilton 2004, 12).

CP also does not take into account indirectness and implicitness, which is typical for political discourse (Chilton 2004, 12).

6.3 Minor Sentences

David Crystal distinguishes sentences into two types: major sentences and minor sentences. Major sentences constitute the majority of sentences.
"Minor sentences are not constructed in a regular way. They have abnormal patterns which cannot be clearly analysed into a sequence of clause elements, as can major sentences (Crystal 2003, 216)." They are more usual in spoken conversations. They are also typical in some types of written language: headlines, advertisements, labels,… (Crystal 2003, 216).

Examples of types of minor sentences:

1. Stereotypical formulae for social situations: Thanks! Cheers! Hello! How do you do?
2. Emotional and functional noises: Eh? Ow!
3. Proverbs: Easy come, easy go
4. Abbreviated forms: Wish you were here
5. Words and phrases used as exclamations, questions and commands: Nice day! Taxi? (Crystal 2003, 216).

7. Methodology

For the practical part of this thesis, a corpus of 200 tweets by Donald Trump was collected. All the tweets deal with political issues, as these tweets make up the vast majority of Donald Trump's Twitter feed. All the tweets were from Donald Trump's official Twitter account @realDonaldTrump. The tweets are from the time period of October 3rd, 2019 to January 6th, 2020. Older tweets were not used as Twitter only allows users to go back a certain number of tweets. This was complicated by the fact that Trump also retweets a lot of other users and retweets were not used as a part of the analysis.

Trump	
Number of tweets	200
Number of words	7,954

Table 7.1 Size of analyzed corpus: Trump

This corpus will be analyzed from different perspectives. A number of phenomena will be discussed.

From the pragmatic point of view Trump's relationship with the reader will be focused on with emphasis on grammar: punctuation, typos, spelling mistakes, hyphens, ellipsis dots in continuous tweets,..

On the graphic level the focus will be on capitalization, both of only the first letter and the entire word. Trump's use of exclamation points will be discussed and so will his use of special characters specific to Twitter: the at sign and the hashtag.

On the lexical level this thesis will deal with both meaning and form of selected items. Items selected for the analysis of meaning include evaluating adverbs and adjectives, hedges and graduation. The analysis of form includes Trump's use of contracted forms, abbreviations and the definite articles.

On the syntactic level the analysis will focus on sentence length, number of clauses, minor sentences and the segmentation of the tweets.

To ascertain which areas would be most worth getting studied and analyzed, a pilot study was carried out. A number of random tweets was analyzed, and the most interesting points were identified.

The analysis will be mostly quantitative, with each phenomenon being quantified, the results represented by graphs and interpreted.

To compare and single out Trump's idiosyncrasies a second corpus of tweets by Donald Trump's political opponent in the 2016 presidential elections Hillary Clinton was collected. This corpus is smaller, it consists of 100 tweets and its only purpose is to be used to put the analysis of Trump's tweets into perspective. All the tweets were from Hillary Clinton's official Twitter account @HillaryClinton.

Clinton	
Number of tweets	100
Number of words	3,538

Table 7.2 Size of analyzed corpus: Clinton

8. Trump's Relationship to the Reader

In this section Trump's relationship with the reader will be analyzed. In particular, it will focus on whether Trump adheres to rules of grammar and is considerate of the reader when writing his tweets, as good grammar, spell-checking and clear syntax are a sign of respect and consideration for the reader (Walsh 2007, 63). The syntax of Trump's tweets, which is also important when discussing his relationship to his readers, will be dealt with in another chapter.

8.1 The Use of Ellipsis Dots in Continuous Tweets

When signaling a continuation of a text, three dots should always be used (Cristal 1995, 283). Out of two hundred tweets analyzed, 77 are continued and include ellipsis dots, totaling 88 instances of the use of ellipsis dots. The higher number of instances of ellipsis dots than tweets with ellipsis dots is explained by the fact that there were several instances when a tweet was both started and finished with ellipsis dots (three tweets expressed one thought). This may be accounted for by Trump not planning out his tweets in advance. When using ellipsis dots Trump was incorrect in most cases, but he was somewhat consistent. The correct number of dots was used only 8 times, that is only 9% of the time. By far most often Trump used four dots. Four dots were used 53 times, that is 60% of the time. The second most used number of dots used by Trump was 5 dots. He used five dots 20 times, that is 23% of the time. Twice he used 6 dots. Two dots were used five times, that is 5,5% of the time.

Number of tweets	200
Number of tweets with ellipsis dots	77
Instances of ellipsis dots	88

Table 8.1 Tweets with ellipsis dots

This suggests that there is some consistency in Trump's writing. 4 dots were used most often.

Another issue is ellipsis dots at the beginning of a second tweet. After the dots, there should be an empty space before any words. Trump was consistently incorrect in

this area. Out of 30 instances, he had an empty space once, 29 times he was incorrect and did not use an empty space.
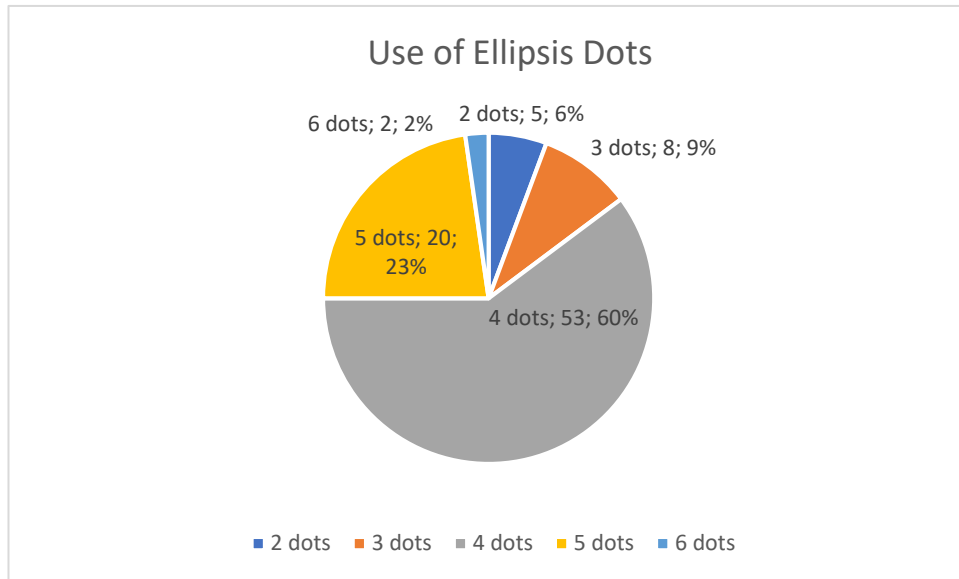
Graph 8.1 Trump's use of ellipsis dots

Number of dots	Times used	Percentage
2 dots	5	5.68%
3 dots	8	9.09%
4 dots	53	60.23%
5 dots	20	22.73%
6 dots	2	2.27%

Table 8.2 Trump's use of ellipsis dots

Clinton does not use dots and does not have any tweets that are continued.

8.2 Spelling and Typos

There are ten instances of spelling mistakes and typos.

It is obvious that some of the spelling mistakes are just typos. Trump writes his tweets on his iPhone, where the keyboard is comparatively small, and the characters are close to each other. However, the Twitter app for iPhone does have spell check. When a word is written incorrectly, the app will underline it in red. If the word is clicked on, the app will suggest the correct spelling above the word in a bubble. This bubble can be clicked on as well, which will automatically correct the spelling

of the word. Therefore, Trump could have corrected the spelling mistakes, but chose not to.

An example can be tweet number 5:

> Tweet No. 5:
>
> The lawyer for the Whistleblower takes away all credibility from this big Impeachment Scam! It should be ended and the Whistleblower, his lawyer and Corrupt politician Schiff should be <u>investigared</u> for fraud!
>
> 3:12 PM · Nov 11, 2019

R is right next to *t* on a keyboard, so this is a typical typo.

There are two tweets where the reason for the typo is less clear, in tweets no. 61 and 78, where he wrote *studends* and *Rupublicans*:

> Tweet No. 61:
>
> ....Order a couple of months ago saying that any school that does not uphold the First Amendment Rights of its students will lose Federal Funding. We have seen a huge change in how the Universities interact with us as a national & local student organization. Our <u>studends</u>....
>
> 2:29 PM · Oct 23, 2019

> Tweet No. 78:
>
> .....the call with the Ukrainian President was a totally appropriate one. As he said, "No Pressure." This Impeachment nonsense is just a continuation of the Witch Hunt Hoax, which has been going on since before I even got elected. <u>Rupublicans</u>, go with Substance and close it out!
>
> 12:32 PM · Oct 30, 2019

With both words it is interesting that the reason for the typo is not that clear. With *studends*, *d* is not close to *t*, and with *Rupublicans*, *u* is again nowhere close to e on the keyboard.

Another type of spelling mistake is a missing space between words. This mistake in tweet no. 168, where there is *everyday*, instead of *every day* and another one in tweet no. 105:

> Tweet No. 105:
>
> As hard as I work, & as successful as our Country has become with our Economy, our Military & everything else, it is <u>ashame</u> that the Democrats make us spend so much time & money on this ridiculous Impeachment Lite Hoax. I should be able to devote all of my time to the REAL USA!
>
> 11:16 PM · Jan 4, 2020

With other tweets, it is clear that they are spelling mistakes and not just typos as, for example tweet 81:

> Tweet No. 81:
>
> Badly failing presidential candidate @KamalaHarris will not go to a very wonderful largely African American event today because yesterday I recieved a major award, at the same event, for being able to produce & sign into law major Criminal Justice Reform legislation, which will..
>
> 2:18 PM · Oct 26, 2019

In *received e* should be *i*. There are several other examples. In tweet no. 31 he misspelt *choked* as *chocked*, in tweet no. 63 he misspelt *referred* as *refered* and in tweet 73 he used *do* instead of *due*.

With others it is less clear, in tweet no. 77, he uses the word *infair*:

> Tweet No. 77:
>
> Republicans are very unified and energized in our fight on the Impeachment Hoax with the Do Nothing Democrats, and now are starting to go after the Substance even more than the very <u>infair</u> Process because just a casual reading of the Transcript leads EVERYBODY to see that.....
>
> 12:32 PM · Oct 30, 2019

This can be both a typo, as *i* is right next to *u* on a keyboard and a spelling mistake as *in-* is a prefix, although an incorrect one in this case.

Clinton does not have any typos or spelling mistakes. This again shows that Trump does not appear to try to adhere to the rules of grammar.

8.3 Incorrect Spelling on Purpose

There are several words that Trump misspells on purpose. These are e.g. the nicknames that he uses for his political opponents, one of them being *Liddle'*, as can be seen in tweet 57:

> Tweet No. 57:
>
> ....This makes Nervous Nancy every bit as guilty as Liddle' Adam Schiff for High Crimes and Misdemeanors, and even Treason. I guess that means that they, along with all of those that evilly "Colluded" with them, must all be immediately Impeached!
>
> 4:27 AM · Oct 7, 2019

Another popular nickname is e.g. *Cryin' Chuck Schumer*. Here the misspelling is not a mistake but is done on purpose.

8.4 Double Spaces

Trump only had a double space four times in two hundred tweets. Compared to that Clinton had a double space three times in one hundred tweets, so in this aspect Trump is better than Clinton.

8.5 Hyphens and Dashes

The English language has *hyphens, em dashes* and *en dashes*. *Hyphens* are used to join two words, parts of a word or compounds. It is shorter than a dash and should not be separated from the words by spaces. *Em dashes* are used to separate words into two statements. It is longer than a *hyphen* and can be separated from the words next to it by spaces on both sides (Cambridge 2003, 283). *En dashes* are not used by either Trump or Clinton, so they will not be discussed here .

Trump always uses hyphens in all circumstances. Dashes are not used at all, are not used at all, not even where they are appropriate. A hyphen is used 18 times. Out of these, it is used correctly to join words only 8 times. Three times there is no hyphen, where there should have been. Instead there is a space. In all cases Trump correctly did not put spaces between the hyphen and the words. In 10 cases Trump incorrectly used a hyphen instead of a dash. Out of these ten cases, 8 times Trump used spaces before and after the hyphen, as it should be when it indicates separation of the two words. In two cases, there are no spaces between the words.

Trump		
Hyphens	18	100.0%
Correct use	8	44.4%
Between words with spaces	8	44.4%
Between words without spaces	2	11.1%
Incorrect	10	55.56%

Table 8.3 Trump's use of hyphens
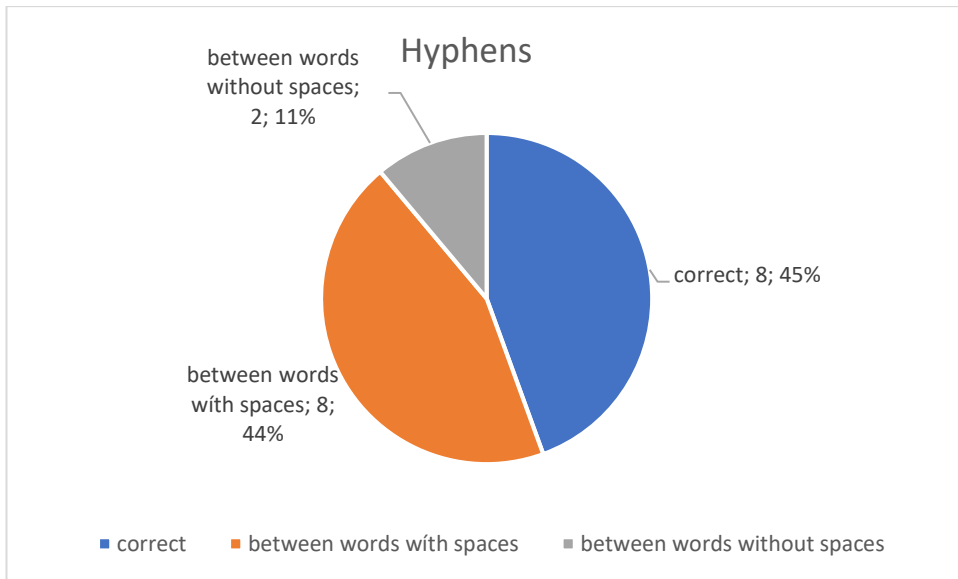
Graph 8.2 Trump's use of hyphens

Unlike Trump, Clinton differentiated between dashes and hyphens. She used dashes 29 times, all of them correctly and all of them without spaces. She used hyphens 18 times, and 16 times they were used correctly. Twice she used hyphens where there should have been em dashes.

Clinton	
Dashes	29
Hyphens correct	16
Hyphens incorrect	2

Table 8.4 Clinton's use of hyphens and dashes
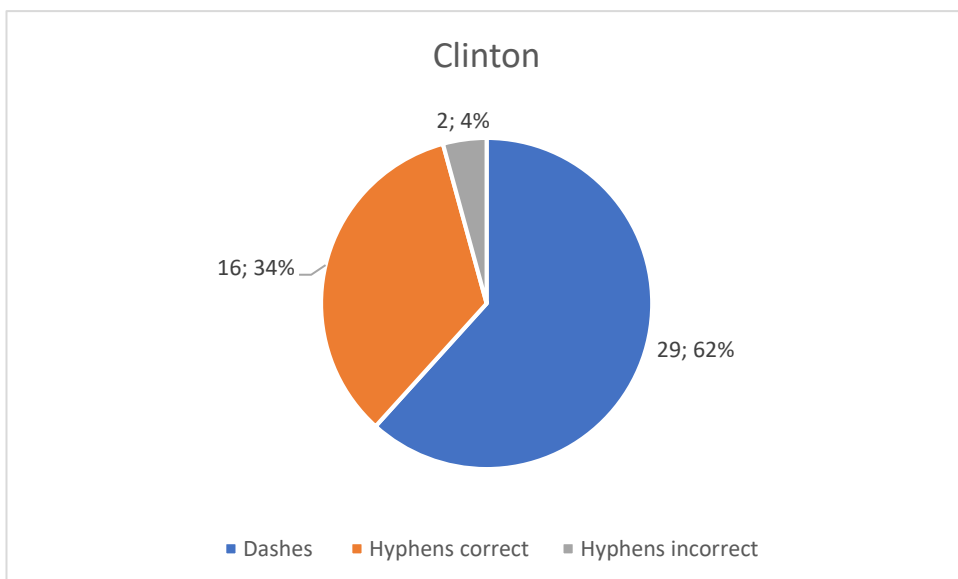
Graph 8.3 Clinton's use of hyphens and dashes

9. Graphic Level

On the graphic level the analysis will mainly focus on Trump's use of capitalization and all capitals. Also discussed will be for example the at sign, hashtags, and the exclamation point.

9.1 Capitalization

President Trump often uses capitalization of the first letter of a word. Out of the two hundred tweets analyzed, there were 140 tweets with at least one word with the first letter capitalized. When counting these instances, words that were properly capitalized (e.g. names of states or countries, positions, beginning of sentences) were excluded from the analysis. In these 140 tweets 542 words which should not have been were capitalized. Altogether all the tweets combined had 7,954 words. This means that 6.81% of all words had the first letter capitalized for no grammatical reason other than emphasis. The average was 2.71 inappropriately capitalized words per tweet.

Number of tweets with 1st letter capitalized incorrectly	140
Number of words with 1st letter capitalized incorrectly	542
Number of tweets	200
Number of words in all tweets	7,954
Incorrectly capitalized words per tweet	2.71
Incorrectly capitalized words per tweet	6.81%

Table 9.1 Trump's use of capitalization

Trump has addressed the issue of capitalization himself in a tweet from July 3, 2018, where he claims that "I capitalize certain words for emphasis, not b/c they should be capitalized."

9.2 Capitalization of Specific Words

There are some words that Trump repeats often and that are often capitalized.

Impeach

The word *impeach* or its derivatives is used 39 times in the tweets. Out of those 39 times, the first letter is capitalized 29 times. In all cases the use was incorrect.

Clinton used the word *impeach* or its derivatives 6 times, in all instances it was used correctly.

	Trump	Clinton
Impeach*[4]: all instances	39	6
Impeach	29	0
impeach	10	6

Table 9.2 Use of the word *impeach*

Transcript

Another word that is used often is *transcript*, referring to the transcript of the phone conversation between Trump and the President of Ukraine. Out of the 15 times it was used, the first letter was capitalized in 8 cases. In 6 cases the word was written correctly without any capitalization and in one case the entire word was capitalized. In this instance it is my belief that Trump capitalizes this word to emphasize that he is referring to the one specific transcript.

Clinton does not use this word.

Transcript: all instances	15
Transcript	8
transcript	6
TRANSCRIPT	1

Table 9.3 Use of the word *transcript*

President

One word, which Trump wrote inconsistently was *president*. President should only be capitalized when it is directly followed by a personal name (e.g. President Trump, President Barack Obama), at the beginning of a sentence, or when directly

---

[4] The asterisk stands for the various variations of the word used in the tweets (impeach, impeached, impeachment, …)

addressing the president (Nice to meet you, Mr. President). In all other cases, president should not be capitalized. Even in the collocation president of the United States, it should be lowercase, although it is often not (Dictionary 2020). Out of 43 instances of the word president or presidential, it was capitalized 41 times. 7 times it was used correctly before a president's name. The rest, 34 times, it was used incorrectly. It was lower case only two times, both correctly.

An example of the incorrect use can be seen in tweet 65:

Tweet No. 65:

So some day, if a Democrat becomes President and the Republicans win the House, even by a tiny margin, they can impeach the President, without due process or fairness or any legal rights. All Republicans must remember what they are witnessing here - a lynching. But we will WIN!

1:52 PM · Oct 22, 2019

One on the few examples of correct use of capitalization is in tweet 73:

Tweet No. 73:

China and the USA are working on selecting a new site for signing of Phase One of Trade Agreement, about 60% of total deal, after APEC in Chile was canceled do to unrelated circumstances. The new location will be announced soon. President Xi and President Trump will do signing!

2:24 PM · Oct 31, 2019

To compare, Clinton uses the word 14 times in the 100 tweets analyzed. Out of the 14 instances she capitalized the word 4 times. Three times it was correct. Ten times it was used correctly with a lowercase p.

President	Trump	Clinton
All instances	43	14
President correctly	7	3
President incorrectly	34	1
president	2	10

Table 9.4 Use of the word *president*

9.3 Capitalization of Certain Phrases

There are several phrases that are particularly popular with Trump. These are Trump's signature phrases and collocations: *Border Wall, Witch Hunt, Make America Great Again*, etc.. Here, the capitalization is both for emphasis and also because they are considered as set phrases by him. However, even here there are some inconsistencies. Trump particularly favors the expression: *The Greatest Witch Hunt in American History*. However, he is inconsistent in its use as sometimes the *in* is capitalized and sometimes it is not.

(Border) Wall

In the 200 tweets, *wall* or *border wall* is used 7 times. 6 times it is capitalized, one time it is in all capitals. None of the uses is correct. It is again obvious that he is using this to emphasize that he is referring to the one particular *wall*.

An excellent example of his use of the word *wall* is tweet number 63, where it is used four times, all of them capitalized:

Tweet No. 63:

(Kiddingly) We're building a <u>Wall</u> in Colorado"(then stated, "we're not building a <u>Wall</u> in Kansas but they get the benefit of the <u>Wall</u> we're building on the <u>Border</u>") refered to people in the very packed auditorium, from Colorado & Kansas, getting the benefit of the <u>Border Wall</u>!

6:20 AM · Oct 24, 2019

(Border) Wall	6
BORDER WALL	1

Table 9.5 Use of the phrase *border wall*

Clinton does not use the word *wall*, or *border wall*.

Witch Hunt

The phrase *Witch Hunt* is used 13 times. In all cases both words are capitalized. An example is tweet number 1:

Tweet No. 1:

It was just explained to me that for next weeks Fake Hearing (trial) in the House, as they interview Never Trumpers and others, I get NO LAWYER & NO DUE PROCESS. It is a Pelosi, Schiff, Scam against the Republican Party and me. This Witch Hunt should not be allowed to proceed!

4:16 PM · Nov 7, 2019

In three cases he uses the sentence the *greatest Witch Hunt in American History* as can be seen in tweet number 85:

Tweet No. 85:

Thank you to House Republicans for being tough, smart, and understanding in detail the greatest Witch Hunt in American History. It has been going on since long before I even got Elected (the Insurance Policy!). A total Scam!

4:28 PM · Oct 24, 2019

Fake News

The phrase *fake news* or *fake news media* was used 8 times. In all instances it was capitalized, even though it should not have been.

Complete and Total Endorsement

Trump does not use his Twitter only to share his opinion but also to support his political allies from the Republican Party in their elections. This happens 7 times in 200 tweets. These tweets all have the same basic structure. Trump introduces the politicians and then gives a few reasons why people should vote for them. These tweets are always ended with variants of the same sentence: [name] *has my Complete and Total Endorsement* or *I give [name] my Complete and Total Endorsement*. This phrase always has the first letters of certain words capitalized. An example is tweet number 170:

> Tweet No. 170:
>
> Congresswoman Kay @GrangerCampaign has worked hard for Texas and been a strong supporter of our #MAGA Agenda. She's strong on #2A and Securing our Border and is 100% pro-life. Kay has my Complete and Total Endorsement!
>
> 8:51 PM · Mar 2, 2020

To compare and see the similarities, there is tweet number 21. There is a significant amount of time between the release of the tweets. The tweets were written four months apart, but their structure is very similar.

> Tweet No. 21:
>
> Governor @MattBevin has done a wonderful job for the people of Kentucky! He continues to protect your very important Second Amendment. Matt is Strong on Crime and the Border, he Loves our Great Vets and Military....
>
> 10:26 PM · Oct 26, 2019

9.5 All Capitals

All capitals were used considerably less than just the first word capitalized. There were three times as many words with the first letter capitalized as entire words capitalized. All capitals were used in 80 tweets out of two hundred. These tweets overlap with the tweets, where only the first letter is capitalized. In these 80 tweets, there were 225 words in all capitals. With 7,954 words in all the tweets, this means that 2.83% of all words were in all capitals, which is 1.125 words per tweet.

Here we can assume that all capitals are also used for emphasis, however, these words are meant to be even more emphasized that with just the first letter capitalized.

Number of tweets with a word capitalized	80
Number of words in all capitals	225
Number of tweets	200
Number of words	7,954
Capitalized words per tweet	1.13
Capitalized words/all words	2.83%

Table 9.6 Trump's use of all capitals

Trump's use of capitals capitalized words can be further divided into three cases. In the first case and the rarest, the whole tweet is capitalized. There are only three tweets like this. They tend to be shorter than Trump's average tweet. One example of a tweet like this is tweet number 200:

> Tweet No. 200:
>
> IRAN WILL NEVER HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON!
>
> 3:48 PM · Jan 6, 2020

Here the all capitals are obviously used to reinforce and emphasize Trump's point. This forcefulness is meant to show strength on Trump's part and inspire calm and confidence in his voters and persuade them that Trump has everything under control.

On the other hand, the reason for all capitals is different in tweet number 15:

> Tweet No. 15:
>
> READ THE TRANSCRIPT!
>
> 2:30 PM · Nov 13, 2019

Here the all capitals do not signify confidence and persuasion. They signify Trump's emotional state, his fury and his anger.

The second type are tweets where whole sentences are capitalized. These are not very common either, there are only 10 instances of this happening. An example of this kind of tweet is tweet number 135:

> Tweet No. 135:
>
> STOCK MARKET CLOSES AT ALL-TIME HIGH! What a great time for the Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrats to Impeach your favorite President, especially since he has not done anything wrong!
>
> 1:17 AM · Dec 24, 2019

The last and most often used type are tweets where only a word or a phrase is in all capitals. This happened in most tweets. An example of this type of tweet is tweet number 2:

> Tweet No. 2:
>
> Read the Transcript. It is PERFECT!
>
> 11:10 PM · Nov 11, 2019

To compare Hillary Clinton does not use all capitals at all. There is not one word in all capitals in her 100 tweets. Compared to Trump's 225 words in 200 tweets, it is a significant difference.

9.6 Capitalization

Overall, 10% of words, that is 767 out of 7,954 were either in all capitals or had the first letter capitalized incorrectly. It is obvious that it shows emphasis and Trump's emotional state and passion. Trump by far preferred capitalizing only the first letter of the word over capitalizing the whole word. The first letter is capitalized two times as much as the whole word.

Trump	
Number of words	7,954
Number of words with 1st letter incorrectly capitalized	542
Number of words in all capitals	225

Table 9.7 Trump's overall use of capitalization

The two types of capitalization are often used together in one tweet, as can be seen for example in tweet number 8:

Tweet No. 8

Based on the information released last night about the Fake Whistleblowers attorney, the Impeachment Hoax should be ended IMMEDIATELY! There is no case, except against the other side!

3:00 PM · Nov 7, 2019
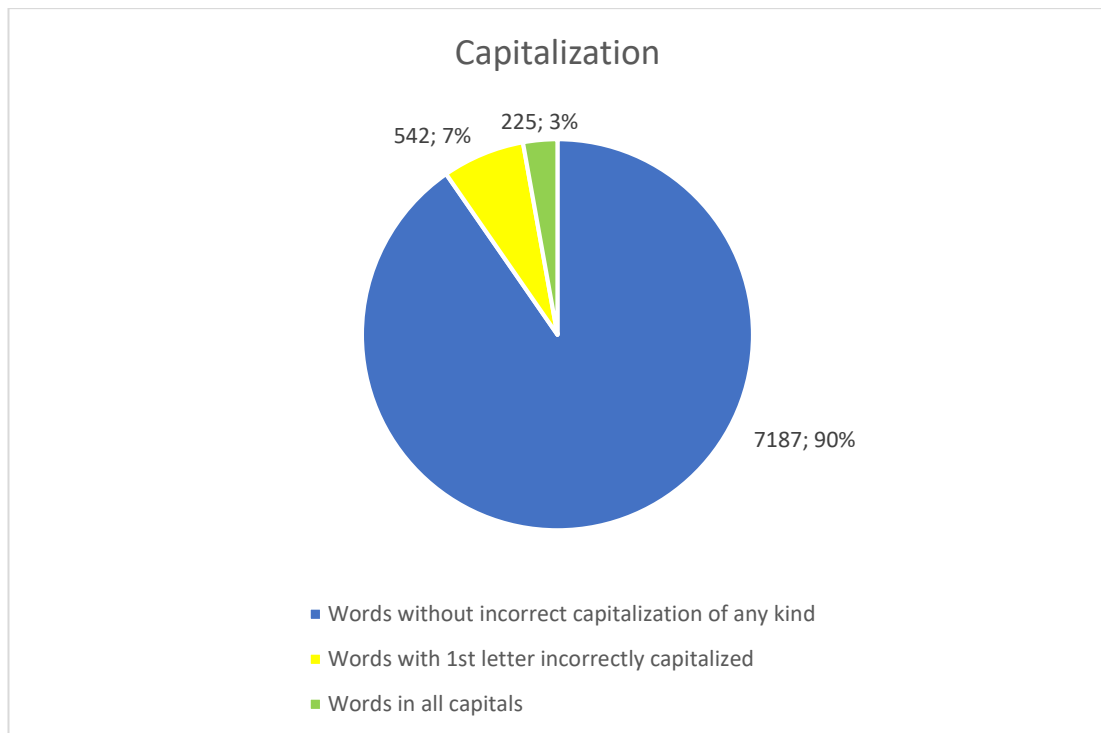
Graph 9.1 Trump's overall use of capitalization

Compared to this, Hillary Clinton does not use capitalization as an emphasis tool. This can be accounted for by the different message she wants to convey. Trump uses Twitter to share his opinion, express his emotions and convince his reader. His tweets are spontaneous and unplanned. Clinton, however, obviously planes her tweets, and checks them for errors. They are used to share her opinion, but also for other reasons. She also uses it to inform her readers.

9.6 Exclamation Point

One of the most obvious tools to emphasize something is to use the exclamation point. In 200 tweets Trump used an exclamation point 208 times, most usually more than once in one tweet, as can be seen in tweet number 115:

Tweet No. 115

The Fake News said I played golf today, and I did NOT! I had meeting in various locations, while closely monitoring the U.S. Embassy situation in Iraq, which I am still doing. The Corrupt Lamestream Media knew this but, not surprisingly, failed to report or correct!

11:11 PM · Dec 31, 2019

One time he used 4 exclamation points in a row in tweet number 158:

Tweet No. 158:

SUCH ATROCIOUS LIES BY THE RADICAL LEFT, DO NOTHING DEMOCRATS. THIS IS AN ASSAULT ON AMERICA, AND AN ASSAULT ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!!!!

6:44 PM · Dec 18, 2019

This tweet is an excellent example of Trump's use of words in all capitals and exclamation points. Here the devices are obviously used to emphasize his message.

	Trump	Clinton
!	208	17
!!!!	1	0

Table 9.8 Trump's use of the exclamation point

There are a lot of instances of exclamation points at the end of tweets. 144 tweets (3 had hashtags after the exclamation point) were finished with an exclamation point, that is 72%, almost three quarters.

Clinton also uses exclamation points, 17 overall in 100 tweets. That is considerably less that Trump uses. Trump uses 1.04 exclamation points per tweet compared to Clinton's 0.17. That means that he uses exclamation points six times as much as Clinton. This is caused partially by the fact that the sole purpose of Trump's tweet is to express his opinion. Clinton's tweets have more purposes e.g. inform the public. But even when the purpose of the tweet is to express Clinton's opinion it is

still done without emphasis, with the opinion coming out more rational, as can be seen in tweet number 96:

> Tweet No. 96:
>
> We should not nuke hurricanes.
>
> 4:33 PM · Aug 26, 2019

This is obviously a direct response to Trump and his suggestion that hurricanes should be nuked. This tweet is very similar to Trump's style of tweeting but does not use any of the devices Trump uses to emphasize his opinion. Clinton did not use any capitalization or exclamation points. If this tweet had been written by Trump, he would have definitely used one or more likely more of these devices. This helps single out Trump's style and idiosyncrasies.

Exclamation points per tweet	
Trump	1.04
Clinton	0.17

Table 9.9 Exclamation points per tweet

9.7 The At Sign

@	
Trump	23
Clinton	74

Table 9.10 The use of the at sign

Trump uses the at sign very little, just 23 times. To compare, Clinton uses it 74 times in half the tweets.

It is possible that this is just a manifestation of Trump's narcissism. He assumes that everyone reads his tweets and combined with the fact that almost all of them are read and talked about in television, he assumes that the person that the tweet is meant for will find out about it some other way. Also, to tag someone using the @ sign, Trump would need to know their Twitter handle, which does not always correspond to the person's name, and that requires effort.

9.10 Hashtag

Trump does not use hashtags very often. He only used 14, compared to Clinton's 26 in half as many tweets.

Hashtag	
Trump	14
Clinton	26

Table 9.11 The use of hashtags

He was also not very varied in his use of hashtags. Out of 14 uses, 10 belong to the top two hashtags. Most often he used *#MAGA*, which stands for *Make America Great Again*, Trump's motto. Here, it can be noted that while the hashtag *#MAGA* was used 6 times, the whole phrase was used only once. This can be a sign of the efficiency and condensation needed when using Twitter.

His second most used hashtag is *#2A*, which stands for the *Second Amendment*. This hashtag is used four times.

Hashtags	
#MAGA	6
#2A	4
#2020Election	2
#RuralProsperity	1
#USMCA	1

Table 9.12 Trump's use of hashtags

Only 10 tweets out of 200 have hashtags, that is only 5%. One example of a tweet with hashtags is tweet number 168:

> Tweet No. 168:
>
> Senator Dan Sullivan is doing a great job for the people of Alaska while supporting our #MAGA Agenda. He fights hard everyday to support our Veterans and the Military. Dan is Strong on the #2A and is 100% pro-jobs. I give Dan Sullivan my Complete and Total Endorsement!
>
> 10:44 PM · Dec 17, 2019

Compared to Trump, Hillary Clinton uses a lot more hashtags. She used 26 hashtags. Out of the hundred tweets analyzed, 23 contain hashtags, that is 23% compared to Trump's 5%. Unlike Trump she also does not repeat herself nearly as often. Only one hashtag is repeated more than once: *#gutsywomen* is used four times. All the other hashtags are used only once.

An example of Clinton tweet with hashtags and at signs is tweet number 60:

Tweet No. 60:

On this International Day of the Girl, I'm thinking about all the gutsy girls who are changing the world—@GretaThunberg, @Emma4Change, @NaomiWadler, and @Malala, just to name a few—and all those who will. #DayOfTheGirl #GutsyWomen

5:02 PM · Oct 11, 2019

10. Lexical Level

On the lexical level the subject of the analysis will for example be Trump's signature phrases, his use of adjectives and adverbs, hedges and graduation and abbreviations.

10.1 Signature Phrases

As was stated in the theoretical section, Trump has several signature phrases and nicknames for his political opponents (McMurry 2019, 51). Many of these were used in the tweets analyzed. These can be divided into two categories: slogans and nicknames.

There are several phrases that Trump repeats over and over. The most famous one is *Make America Great Again*!, which was also his campaign slogan. It is also very often shortened to *MAGA* or hashtag *MAGA*. This phrase is derived from "Let's make America great again", which was a campaign slogan used in the 1980 presidential election by then candidate Ronald Reagan (United States Studies Center, 2020).

Another one is *Build the Wall!* or *Border Wall*, referring to the wall Trump wants to have built on the border between the USA and Mexico.

The second category are derogatory nicknames for the media and Trump's political opponents. Examples of these can be *Liddle Marco, Crooked Hillary, Shifty (Adam) Schiff / Adam "Shifty" Schiff, Liddle' (Adam Schiff), Do Nothing Dems/Democrats/Party (Do Nothings), The Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrats, Lying New York Times, Never Trumpers, Radical Left Dems/Democrats, Sleepy Joe Biden, Nervous Nancy, Crazy Nancy, Cryin' Chuck, Trump Haters, Fake News (Media).*

These phrases are repeated often in both Trump's tweets and his speeches and rallies.

10.2 Evaluating Adjectives and Adverbs

Trump used a significant amount of evaluating adjectives and adverbs. Top ten most used adjectives and adverbs were counted. Trump used those ten adjectives and adverbs 198 times. The two most often used words were *great* and *very*. They account for almost half of the cases, and the top five accounts for 75% of the cases. The first three most used ones will be looked upon more closely below.

Clinton used these adjectives significantly less. There are 18 cases in 100 tweets. For the sake of demonstration, the number was doubled in Table 8.1. That means that Trump used these words five times as much as Clinton did.

Adj + Adv	Trump	Clinton
Tweets	200	200=100*2
great	48	8
very	45	4
big	30	2
hard	14	4
good	13	6
totally	10	0
large	9	0
immediately	8	0
important	8	8
bad	7	0
wonderful	6	4
Total	**198**	**36**

Table 10.1 Use of adjectives and adverbs

Great

The most used adjective is *great*. The word *great*, or its derivatives (*greatest, greater*) is used 48 times. It can have several meanings. Written below are some definitions according to the Oxford English Dictionary:

- Colloquial (originally U.S.). As a general term of approval: excellent, admirable, very pleasing, first-rate (Oxford English Dictionary, 2020): here it is meant in the positive sense
- Of a size, bulk, or extent that is considerably above average; large (Oxford English Dictionary, 2020): here it is unmarked and neutral, positive and negative connotation is determined by the noun

Meant positively, it is used to evaluate the USA and its citizens, and can be seen in tweet number 29:

> Tweet No. 29:
>
> Louisiana, get out and vote REPUBLICAN before going to the big game today. A runoff will be a tremendous win for your Great State - lower taxes and car insurance, and better protection of your 2nd Amendment! Fantastic being with you last night!
>
> 4:16 PM · Oct 12, 2019

This phrase is popular with Trump. He used it three times, each time with a different state. In this context great is meant positively, meaning wonderful or magnificent.

Besides using this word positively to talk about the USA and its citizens, he also uses it when boasting about himself, the Republican Party, his allies and most often about his accomplishments. This can be seen in tweet number 48:

> Tweet No. 48
>
> As I have stated strongly before, and just to reiterate, if Turkey does anything that I, in my great and unmatched wisdom, consider to be off limits, I will totally destroy and obliterate the Economy of Turkey (I've done before!). They must, with Europe and others, watch over...
>
> 5:38 PM · Oct 7, 2019

Trump is very boastful about his intelligence, his competence and most importantly his accomplishments. This may be the result of his narcissism, but it is also a political strategy.

Trump also uses this word with negative phrases, when talking about his political opposition and especially about his impeachment trial, as can be seen in tweet number 85:

> Tweet No.85:
>
> Thank you to House Republicans for being tough, smart, and understanding in detail the <u>greatest Witch Hunt in American History</u>. It has been going on since long before I even got Elected (the Insurance Policy!). A total Scam!
>
> 4:28 PM · Oct 24, 2019

Here, the word is a part of a negatively evaluating phrase. This is also a popular phrase with Trump. Greatest witch hunt is used four times, with other phrases being greatest scam and greatest con.

The word great is, of course, also a part of his campaign slogan *Make America Great Again*. This slogan is used only once in the tweets analyzed. Once it has also been modified to *Keep America Great*.

To compare, Hilary Clinton only uses the word great 4 times, which is significantly less than Trump. In all instances meant in the positive sense, meaning wonderful.

Very

The adverb *very* is used 45 times. It can be used as a booster of adjectives, both positive and negative ones.

It was used with positively evaluating adjectives when referring to Trump, his accomplishments, Republicans, the USA, its citizens and military. An example of this is tweet number 165:

> Tweet No. 165:
>
> ....They want to Impeach me (I'm not worried!), and yet they were all breaking the law in so many ways. How can they do that and yet impeach a <u>very successful</u> (Economy Plus) President of the United States, who has done nothing wrong? These people are Crazy!
>
> 5:10 AM · Dec 18, 2019

Negatively it was used when speaking about his political enemies. Once it was used twice in a row in tweet number 133:

> Tweet No. 133:
>
> Everything we're seeing from Speaker Pelosi and Senator Schumer suggests that they're in real doubt about the evidence they've brought forth so far not being good enough, and are very, very urgently seeking a way to find some more evidence. The only way to make this work is to..
>
> 1:10 PM · Dec 24, 2019

To compare, Clinton only uses the adverb *very* twice.

Big

Another adjective Trump uses often is *big*, or its derivatives *bigger* and *biggest*. It is used 30 times. Its use was very similar to great.

When referring to himself, his accomplishments, the USA and its citizens and the Republicans it is always positive. A great example of this is tweet number 30, where he uses both *biggest* and *greatest*, referring to his accomplishment and great referring to US citizens:

> Tweet No. 30:
>
> The deal I just made with China is, by far, the greatest and biggest deal ever made for our Great Patriot Farmers in the history of our Country. In fact, there is a question as to whether or not this much product can be produced? Our farmers will figure it out. Thank you China!
>
> 4:09 PM · Oct 12, 2019

When referring to his enemies and especially his impeachment trial it is always used in negative phrases, as can be seen in tweet 5:

> Tweet No. 5:
>
> The lawyer for the Whistleblower takes away all credibility from this <u>big Impeachment Scam</u>! It should be ended and the Whistleblower, his lawyer and Corrupt politician Schiff should be investigared for fraud!
>
> 3:12 PM · Nov 11, 2019

Clinton uses the word *big* only once, compared to Trump 30 uses, which is a significant difference.

10.3 Hedges and Graduation

Concerning hedges and graduation, there was a clear pattern. Trump used a significantly higher number of expressions that sharpen a statement than those that soften it. As is stated in the theoretical sections, there are many terms used when discussing hedges. Trump used a large amount of what can be called boosters, sharpening and up-scaling words. These are words that express confidence and certainty and can also be used for emphasis. He used 159 words like that including intensifiers, quantifiers and sharpeners. Clinton also used these tools, but significantly less that Trump does. Trump uses on average more than twice as many of these tools as Clinton does.

Trump used very few words that soften the message (hedges, softening and down-scaling words). These are words that express uncertainty and are used to lessen the writer's commitment to the message. He used only 8 such words. That means he used 20 times more sharpening words as softening words. Clinton used these tools also and again used them less than Trump. There are only 2 instances of such expressions, which means that again Trump used them twice as much.

This significant difference in use of the two types of expression suggest that Trump chooses to use expressions that show confidence and certainty and that he wants to appear more capable than others. He also uses these expressions for emphasis. The conclusion that he wants to appear more confident and capable that others is also corroborated by the fact that he uses more of these expressions than Clinton.

	Trump	Clinton
Number of tweets	200	100
Sharpening/up-scaling	159	36
Softening/down-scaling	8	2

Table 10.2 Use of hedges and graduation

10.4 Abbreviations

Trump does not use shorter abbreviated versions of words very often. There are some words that Trump likes to shorten, though he does not shorten words very frequently.

One of these words is the word democrat. The abbreviation *Dem* or *Dems* is used 13 times. Compared to this the full-length *Democrat* or *Democrats* is used 35 times. So the full-length version is used twice as much as the short version. Clinton used the full version 6 times and she did not use the abbreviation.

	Trump	Clinton
Dem(s)	13	0
Democrat(s)	35	6

Table 10.3 Abbreviations of the word *democrat*

Trump also once shortens the word *Republicans* to once *R's* in tweet 177:

> Tweet No. 177:
>
> ....to me, and there are many options, including doing them directly & avoiding the nasty politics of this very biased Commission. I will make a decision at an appropriate time but in the meantime, the Commission on Presidential Debates is NOT authorized to speak for me (or R's)!
>
> 3:25 PM · Dec 16, 2019

Here rather than save the reader time, it can confuse them, as it is not immediately clear to what or whom he is referring to. *Republicans* is the obvious choice, but it can also mean *Representatives*. *R*, unlike *Dem(s),* is not a popular, well known, abbreviation. There is a known abbreviation for the Republican Party: *GOP*.

Meaning *Grand Old Party*, it is often used by the media and politicians (GOP 2020). Trump uses it once in his tweets.

Another abbreviation Trump used once is *Pres* – short for *presidency* in his tweet number 18:

> Tweet No. 18:
>
> 95% Approval Rating in the Republican Party. Thank you! Just won two Congressional Seats in North Carolina, & a Governors runoff in Louisiana, which Republicans should now win! Because of Impeachment Fraud, we will easily take back the House, add in the Senate, & again win Pres!
>
> 1:25 PM · Oct 16, 2019

Here the abbreviation is very likely created ad hoc as this tweet has exactly 280 characters – the exact limit of characters per tweet. Therefore, the reason for use is not language economy or to save the readers time. He most likely simply ran out of characters and abbreviated the very last word. This can be used as another example of the fact that Trump does not plan his tweets in advance, but they are written spontaneously.

10. 5 Definite Article

Trump does sometimes omit the definite article. Sometimes this is acceptable, and the sentence is grammatical even without it, as for example in tweet no. 14:

> Tweet No. 14:
>
> Economy is BOOMING. Seems set to have yet another record day!
>
> 12:32 PM · Nov 12, 2019

In other cases, however, this results in clumsy and ungrammatical sentences, as can be seen in tweet no. 73:

Tweet No. 73:

China and the USA are working on selecting a new site for signing of Phase One of Trade Agreement, about 60% of total deal, after APEC in Chile was canceled do to unrelated circumstances. The new location will be announced soon. President Xi and President Trump <u>will do signing</u>!

2:24 PM · Oct 31, 2019

In this tweet the last sentence is not grammatically correct and the omittance of the definite article is unfortunate.

10.6 Contracted Forms

Tweets can only have 280 characters. This is why the text needs to be condensed. One of the easiest ways to do this is to use contracted forms. Trump used 52 contracted forms in two hundred tweets. That is 0.26 contracted forms per tweet.

	Trump	Clinton
Contracted forms	52	28
Contracted forms per tweet	0.26	0.28

Table 10.4 Use of contracted forms

Clinton's use of contracted forms is quantitatively very similar. She used 28 contracted forms in one hundred tweets, which is 0.28 contracted forms per tweet. This is comparable to Trump's use.

11.Syntactic Level

On the syntactic level this thesis will deal with several phenomena including missing subject of the sentence, sentence length and complexity, minor sentences and segmentation of tweets.

11.1 Missing Subject

One of the ways Trump chose to condense his tweet was to omit the subject of some sentences. This was done 9 times. In most cases the subject of the sentence is clear. In several cases he starts the tweet with the omission, but from the context it is obvious he means himself. An example of this is tweet no. 7:

> Tweet No. 7:
>
> <u>Will be meeting</u> with representatives of the Vaping industry, together with medical professionals and individual state representatives, to come up with an acceptable solution to the Vaping and E-cigarette dilemma. Children's health & safety, together with jobs, will be a focus!
>
> 3:00 PM · Nov 11, 2019

There are also several cases where the subject is named in the previous sentence. This can be seen in e.g. tweet no. 23:

> Tweet No. 23:
>
> Adam Schiff now doesn't seem to want the Whistleblower to testify. NO! <u>Must testify</u> to explain why he got my Ukraine conversation sooo wrong, not even close. Did Schiff tell him to do that? We must determine the Whistleblower's identity to determine WHY this was done to the USA..
>
> 12:39 PM · Oct 14, 2019

Here, in the third sentence, Trump is referring to the *whistleblower*, who is the object of the previous sentence.

Compared to Trump Clinton only omitted the subject of a sentence once in tweet no. 4, where she was the subject:

> Tweet No. 4:
>
> <u>Talked with</u> John Lewis who's ready to fight another battle while he continues working for all of us. Support him and the #beloved community he stands for.
>
> 3:48 PM · Dec 30, 2019

11.2 Minor Sentences

	Trump	Clinton
Number of tweets	200	100
Number of minor sentences	47	8

Table 11.1 Use of minor sentences

Concerning minor sentences, Trump had significantly more of these than Clinton. He used 47 compared to Clinton's 8. Though some of these were typical formulae such as *Thank you, Congratulations*, etc., most were exclamations and emotional statements, such as *Wow!, A total Scam!* This can be seen in tweet number 28:

> Tweet No. 28:
>
> .....The Kurds and Turkey have been fighting for many years. Turkey considers the PKK the worst terrorists of all. Others may want to come in and fight for one side or the other. Let them! We are monitoring the situation closely. <u>Endless Wars!</u>
>
> 3:09 PM · Oct 13, 2019

Although some were at the end of the tweets, most were in the beginning or the middle of the tweet as for example in tweet 180:

> Tweet No. 180:
>
> Schiff's correcting the record memo has turned out to be totally wrong (based on the I.G. Report)! <u>A very big lie.</u> @MariaBartiromo And @DevinNunes has turned out to be completely right. Congratulations to Devin. The Fake News Media should apologize to all!
>
> 6:12 PM · Dec 15, 2019

Clinton only had 8 of them and most were typical formulae such as *Happy New Year, Thank You, Happy Thanksgiving*. These were mostly at the end of the tweets. An example can be tweet number 18:

> Tweet No. 18:
>
> No matter where we or our ancestors are from, millions of Americans will sit down together to break bread today.
>
> It's a wonderful reminder that our country is both a place and an idea—where anyone can find a home to breathe free.
>
> <u>Happy Thanksgiving!</u>
>
> 2:33 PM · Nov 28, 201

In conclusion Trump had many more minor sentences and they were different in nature than Clinton's. While she had typical phrases, his minor sentences were mostly emotional exclamations. These sentences are more usual in spoken language and therefore reflect Trump's spontaneity when writing his tweets.

11.3 Sentence Length

For the analysis of the sentence length of Trump's and Clinton's tweets, a smaller corpus was evaluated. From the corpuses analyzed in this thesis, 50 tweets were analyzed from Trump and 50 from Clinton.

	Trump	Clinton
Number of tweets	50	50
Number of sentences	135	119
Number of words	2013	1794
Sentences per tweet	2.7	2.38
Words per sentence	14.91	15.07
Words per tweet	40.26	35

Table 11.2 Sentence analysis

	Trump	Clinton
1 sentence per tweet	4	6
2 sentences per tweet	15	22
3 sentences per tweet	19	19
4 sentences per tweet	12	3

Table 11.3 Sentences per tweet

In the 50 tweets analyzed, Trump used 135 sentences. The number of words in the tweets analyzed was 2013. That means that Trump used on average 2.7 sentences per tweet, with never more than 4 sentences per tweet. On average he used 14.91 words per sentence and 40.26 words per tweet. Most often, 19 times out of 50, which is 38% of the time, Trump had 3 sentences per tweet, followed closely by two sentences a tweet, used 15 times, which is 30% of the time.
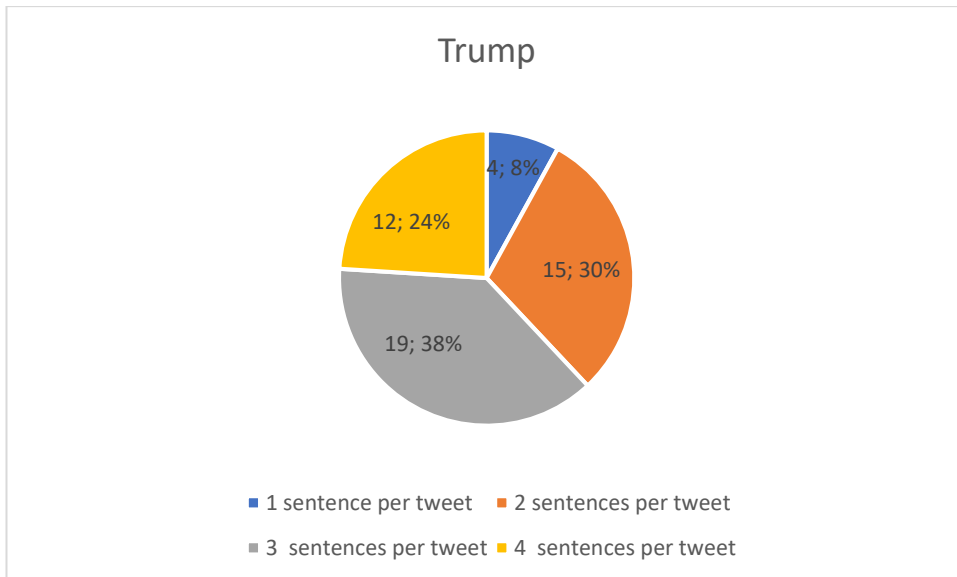
Graph 11.1 Trump's sentences per tweet

Clinton used 119 sentences. There were 1794 words in the tweets analyzed. Therefore, Clinton used on average 2.38 sentences per tweet, with 15.07 words per sentence and 35 words per tweet. Clinton most often used 2 sentences a tweet: 22 times out of 50. That is 44% of the time, followed by three sentences a tweet 19 times, which is 38% of the time. Same as Trump, she never had more than 4 sentences per tweet.
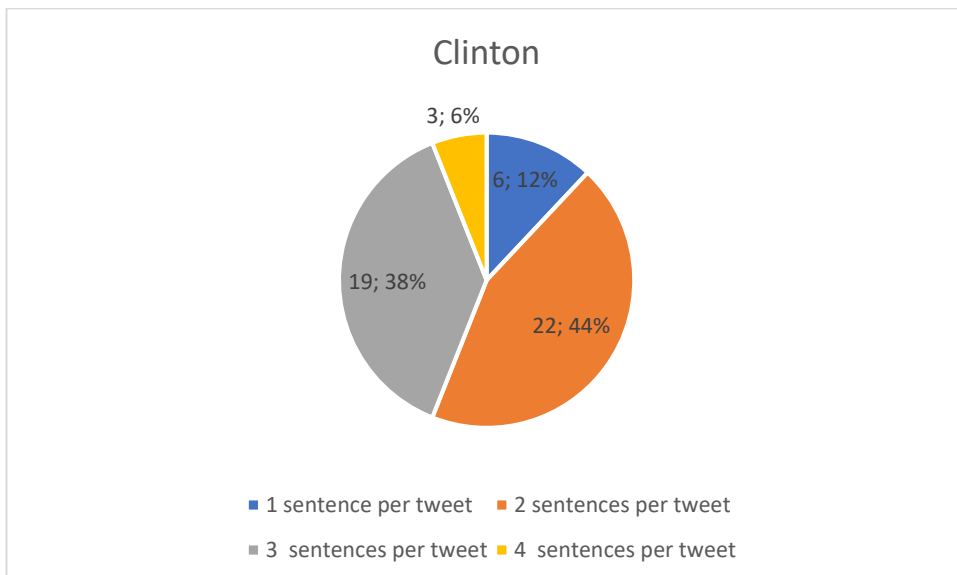
Graph 11.2 Clinton's sentences per tweet

Quantitatively, the result of both were similar. Both Trump and Clinton had similar number of sentences, sentences per tweet, words per sentence and words per tweet.

Trump had more words, more sentences, more sentences per tweet and more words per tweet. He did, however, have less words per sentence. He also had significantly more tweets, where he used 4 sentences.

However, when analyzed further, Trump's sentence structure is usually more complicated that Clinton's.

11.4 Clauses

A more detailed analysis of twenty tweets by each politician was carried out, with the focus being on the number of clauses used.

In these 20 tweets Trump used 47 sentences, which consisted of 98 clauses, which is on average 2.09 clauses per sentence and 4.9 clauses per tweet. Trump's sentence structure is sometimes very complicated and confusing, as can be seen in tweet number 156:

Tweet No. 156:
A far left magazine, or very "progressive," as some would call it, which has been doing poorly and hasn't been involved with the Billy Graham family for many years, Christianity Today, knows nothing about reading a perfect transcript of a routine phone call and would rather.....
1:12 PM · Dec 20, 2019

This tweet is very not well structured or thought out. This tweet has 279 characters that is one less than is the limit. A sentence is cut off in the middle, because Trump ran out of characters and had to continue in a new tweet. This is probably the result of the fact that Trump does not plan his tweet, but simply spontaneously writes what he wants, and his sentence structure closely follows his thought processes.

Clinton used the same number of sentences as Trump did – 47. These 47 sentences had 86 clauses, which is on average 1.83 clauses per sentence and 4.3 clauses per tweet. Her sentence structure is usually clearer and easier to follow. This is probably the result of the fact that her tweets are thought out.

	Trump	Clinton
Number of tweets	20	20
Number of sentences	47	47
Number of clauses	98	86
Clauses per sentence	2.09	1.83
Clauses per tweet	4.9	4.3

Table 11.4 Clause analysis

11.5 Segmentation of Tweets

One of the signs of the writer relationship for the reader would be the segmentation of the tweets. Here, Trump and Clinton differed significantly. Trump's tweets are always one big paragraph with no segmentation, even when the tweet is long:

Tweet No. 6:

Shifty Adam Schiff will only release doctored transcripts. We haven't even seen the documents and are restricted from (get this) having a lawyer. Republicans should put out their own transcripts! Schiff must testify as to why he MADE UP a statement from me, and read it to all!

3:20 PM · Nov 11, 2019

Compared to Trump, Clinton does divide some of her tweets and adds an empty line to make the tweets easier to read:

Tweet No. 45:

Facebook's decision to allow false information in political advertisements is appalling.

Voters are being confronted by millions of pieces of misinformation.

A world where up is down and down is up is a world where democracy can't thrive.

2:54 PM · Oct 30, 2019

This shows both Clinton's tendency to plan her tweets, compared to Trump's spontaneity and the fact that Clinton respects her readers and Trump does not appear to care about them.

12. Interpretation

Based on the analysis of the tweets, several conclusions can be drawn. Trump's tweets are unique in several ways. There are several devices that Trump uses for emphasis and condensation. To put the results of the analysis of Donald Trump's tweets into perspective, they were compared to the tweets of Trump's political opponent in the 2016 presidential elections Hillary Clinton.

On the graphic level Trump used a significant number of devices for emphasis. By far his most popular device is capitalizing the first letter of certain words. Almost every tweet has several words with the first letter incorrectly capitalized. There are particular words that are popular with Trump that he capitalizes often. These words are usually words with particular meaning to him. By capitalizing the first letter he is signaling that he is referring to particular phenomena. These words are e.g. *transcript, (border) wall, witch hunt,…* Even here, Trump was very inconsistent. Sometimes these words were capitalized, sometimes they were not. Not only did Trump not adhere to the rules of grammar, he did not even adhere to his own rules. Capitalizing the whole word was also used often, though not nearly as much as just the first letter.

Another device Trump used was the exclamation point. These were used very often, with there being more than one exclamation point per tweet. He also tended to end his tweets with exclamation points. Almost three quarters of the analyzed tweets were finished with an exclamation point. The rest of the tweets were mostly the ones that were continued.

Compared to Trump, Clinton did not use almost any of the same devices. She did not capitalize words, where she was not supposed to, and she used significantly less exclamation points.

On the lexical level, there were also devices used to emphasize, most often evaluating adjectives and adverbs. There were a few adjectives and adverbs that Trump liked to repeat often: great, big and very. He used a lot of sharpening expressions to show confidence and certainty. On this level Trump used some tools

of condensation: contracted forms and abbreviations, though his use of abbreviations was inconsistent.

On the syntactic level, there were not any devices used to emphasize or to condense his message. Trump often had long and complicated sentences with many clauses. The structure of the sentences was sometimes confusing. This may be because Trump does not plan his tweets in advance and the sentence structure closely follows his thought processes. Compared to him Clinton's sentences were less complicated and easier to follow, with clearer structure. Clinton also sometimes segmented her tweets for clarity, while Trump's were one big paragraph.

On the other hand, while sometimes the phenomena studied were used for emphasis and we can assume at least partially on purpose with there being some system in place, some were the result of the fact that he simply does not know or does not care about the rules of English grammar. We can see this happening with e.g. the numbers of ellipsis dots in continuous tweets, or with Trump's use of the word president. There were some typos and grammatical mistakes.

Trump did not show much consideration for the reader. As was stated above, he had typos and mistakes, long and complicated sentences and tweets that were not divided into paragraphs.

In conclusion, Trump most often used tools on the graphic and lexical level for emphasis (capitalization, exclamation points). He used some devices on the lexical level (adjectives adverbs, sharpeners) and none on the syntactic level. This may be explained by the fact that the devices exploits are the easiest to use. Capitalizing a letter, writing an exclamation point or adding and adjective or an adverb requires no planning and the least effort.

Clinton's tweets were very different than Trump's. Apart from a few exceptions, Clinton adhered to the rules of grammar. She did not use either the capitalization of the first letter or the whole word to emphasize her point. Although Clinton also uses exclamation points for emphasis and enthusiasm, she did not use them nearly as much. Trump used exclamation points six times more than Clinton did.

As was pointed out earlier these differences can be at least partially accounted for by the different nature of Trump's and Clinton's tweets. Trump's tweets were

unplanned and immediate, "without filter", and the sole purpose of most of them was to express Trump's opinion and emotions. Clinton's tweets are obviously planned and thought out. The spelling is checked, and Clinton took care that her tweets are grammatical. Also, the purpose of her tweets is different. They are not only meant to express her unfiltered opinion, but to convey not only her message but also to inform the public.

13. Conclusion

The aim of this thesis was the linguistic analysis of tweets by the president of the United States Donald Trump. These tweets were analyzed with three areas of focus: tools for emphasis, tools for condensation and Trump's relationship to his reader.

Based on these areas of focus, several research questions were formulated: What tools are used for emphasis and condensation? On which linguistic levels are they used the most? What is the frequency of their use? How do his tools for emphasis and condensation differ from Hillary Clinton's? What is Trump's relationship to his reader?

This thesis was divided into three main parts: theoretical part, methodology and practical part. The theoretical part consists of five sections. Chapter 2 deals with Donald Trump, his linguistic style of expression and his relationship to Twitter. Chapter 3 deals with the particular characteristics of electronic communication. The particular focus of this chapter was on Twitter, Twitter in politics and the linguistic specificities of Twitter. The next section of the theoretical part, chapter 4, deals with political discourse and political discourse analysis. Chapter 5 deals with previous research on the topic, including research articles, books, theses and newspaper articles. The last chapter of the theoretical part, chapter 6, deals with the definitions of selected terms.

The practical part consists of a linguistic analysis of Donald Trump's tweets. A corpus of 200 tweets was compiled and analyzed from various perspectives. These tweets were analyzed with focus on the three aforementioned areas: tools for emphasis, tools for condensation and Trump's relationship to his reader.. To compare and single out Trump's idiosyncrasies a second, smaller corpus of Hillary Clinton's tweets was created. This corpus consists of 100 tweets.

This analysis was divided based on linguistic levels. The analysis shows that Trump does use tools for emphasis and condensation. These tools were most often used on the graphic level. He used a significant amount of exclamation points. The tool he used most often for emphasis was the capitalization of the first letter of the word and, to a lesser point, capitalization of the entire word.

On the lexical level, there were also devices used to emphasize, most often evaluating adjectives and adverbs. There were a few adjectives and adverbs that Trump liked to repeat often: great, big and very. He used a lot of sharpening expressions to show confidence and certainty. On this level Trump used some tools of condensation: contracted forms and abbreviations, although inconsistently.

On the syntactic level, there were not any devices used to emphasize or to condense his message. Trump often had long and complicated sentences with many clauses. The structure of the sentences was sometimes confusing. This may be because Trump does not plan his tweets in advance and the sentence structure closely follows his thought processes. Compared to him, Clinton's sentences were less complicated and easier to follow, with clearer structure. He did use significantly more minor sentences than Clinton.

Concerning Trump's relationship to the reader, Trump showed a lack of consideration for the reader. He had typos, his sentences were long and complex, his tweets were not divided into segments or paragraphs. His tweets were unplanned and spontaneous. Compared to him, Clinton's tweets did not have typos, the sentences had a clear, simple structure, her tweets were often divided into segments or paragraphs by an empty line.

To conclude, Trump most often used tools for emphasis or condensation on the graphic level (exclamation point, abbreviations, capitalization), which are the simplest to use and he showed a lack of consideration for the reader. His tweets appeared unplanned, spontaneous and their structure followed his thought processes very closely. Their register was close to spoken language (e.g. more minor sentences).

This area offers a lot of opportunities for future research. His tweeting style and style of expression in general is very unique and interesting in terms of research. This analysis focused only on a small part of linguistic phenomena and there are a lot of areas in Trump's written and spoken language worthy of further research.

Works Cited

Ahmadian, Sara, Sara Azarshahi and Paulhus, Delroy. 2017. "Explaining Donald Trump via communication style: Grandiosity, informality, and dynamism." *Personality and Individual Differences* 107: 49-53.

Alexa. "Twitter." Accessed April 20, 2020. https://www.alexa.com/siteinfo/twitter.com.

Anderson, Bryan. 2017. "Tweeter-in-Chief: A Content Analysis of President Trump's Tweeting Habits." *Elon Journal of Undergraduate Research in Communications* 8, 2 (2017): 36–47.

Biber, Douglas, and Susan Conrad. 2009. *Register, Genre, and Style.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Brown, Penelope, and Stephen C. Levinson. 1987. *Politeness: Some Universals in Language Usage.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Britannica. "Twitter." Accessed May 1, 2020. https://www.britannica.com/topic/Twitter.

Business Insider. "Trump's Staff Ghostwrites Some of His Tweets and Inserts Grammatical Errors to Make Them Seem Authentic." Accessed May 1, 2020. https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-staff-inserts-grammatical-errors-into-tweets-2018-5.

CNN. "Donald Trump Has Super Weird Capitalization Habits on Twitter." Accessed May 1, 2020. https://edition.cnn.com/2018/02/12/politics/donald-trump-capitalization/index.html.

Crockett, Zachary. 2016. "What I Learned Analyzing 7 Months of Donald Trump's Tweets." Vox, Last modified 16 May 2016, www.vox.com/2016/5/16/11603854/donald-trump-twitter.

Crystal, David. 2003. *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Crystal, David. 2005. "The Scope of Internet Linguistics." 2005.http://www.davidcrystal.com/?fileid=-4113.

Crystal, David. 2006. *Language and the Internet*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Crystal, David. 2011. *Internet Linguistics: a Student Guide*. Milton Park: Routledge.

Chilton, Paul A. 2004. *Analysing Political Discourse: Theory and Practice*. London: Routledge.

Enli, Gunn. 2017. "Twitter as Arena for the Authentic Outsider: Exploring the Social Media Campaigns of Trump and Clinton in the 2016 US Presidential Election." *European Journal of Communication* 32, No. 1: 50-61.

Factba.se. "Stable Genius' – Let's Go to the Data." Last modified 4 October 2019. blog.factba.se/2018/01/08/stable-genius-lets-go-to-the-data/.

Fairclough, Isabela, and Norman Fairclough. 2012. *Political Discourse Analysis: a Method for Advanced Students*. London: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.

Fišbachová, Lenka. 2018. "Tweeting as a New Style of Political Discourse: Linguistic Analysis of Donald Trump's Tweets." Bachelor Thesis, Masaryk University.

Foster, Callie Smith. 2017. "Twitter as a platform for engaging political dialogue: a dialogic theory content analysis of Donald Trump's general election campaign Twitter feed." PhD diss., University of Alabama Libraries, 2017.

Grice, H. P. 1975. "Logic and Conversation." *Speech Acts*, December 1975: 41–58.

Hyland, Ken. 1998. *Hedging in Scientific Research Articles*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company.

Labov, William. 1984. "Intensity." *Meaning, Form, and Use in Context: Linguistic Applications.* Edited by Deborah Schiffrin. 43-70. Washington: Georgetown University Press.

Lakoff, George. 1973. "Hedges: A Study in Meaning Criteria and the Logic of Fuzzy Concepts." *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 2, no. 4 (1973).

Kowalski, Jeremy. 2019. *Reading Donald Trump: a Parallax View of the Campaign and Early Presidency*. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.

Kreis, Ramona. 2017. "The "Tweet Politics" of President Trump." *Journal of Language and Politics* 16, no. 4 (2017): 607-618.

Martin, J. R., and P. R. R. White. 2005. *The Language of Evaluation: Appraisal in English.* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

McMurry, Andrew. 2019. "Trumpolect: Donald Trump's Distinctive Discourse and Its Functions." In *Reading Donald Trump: a Parallax View of the Campaign and Early Presidency*, edited by Jeremy Kowalski, 33-56. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.

New York Times. "For Election Day Influence, Twitter Ruled Social Media." Accessed May 2, 2020. https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/09/technology/for-election-day-chatter-twitter-ruled-social-media.html.

New York Times. "Trump Uses Random Uppercase Letters, but Should You? An Issue of Capital Importance." Accessed May 1, 2020. https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/04/us/trump-capitalization-tweets-nyt.html.

Ott, Brian L. 2017. "The Age of Twitter: Donald J. Trump and the Politics of Debasement." *Critical Studies in Media Communication* 34:1, 59-68.

Park, Chang Sup. 2013. "Does Twitter Motivate Involvement in Politics? Tweeting, Opinion Leadership, and Political Engagement." *Computers in Human Behavior* 29, no. 4 (2013): 1641–1648.

Parmelee, John H., and Shannon L. Bichard. 2013. *Politics and the Twitter Revolution: How Tweets Influence the Relationship between Political Leaders and the Public*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Politico. "Donald Trump Talks Like a Third-Grader." Accessed May 1, 2020. https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/08/donald-trump-talks-like-a-third-grader-121340

Tumasjan, Andranik, Timm Sprenger, Philipp Sandner and Isabell Welpe. 2010. "Predicting Elections with Twitter: What 140 Characters Reveal about Political Sentiment." *Journal Of The International Linguistic Association*. 10, 178-185.

United States Studies Centre. "Reagan: 'Making America Great' the First Time." Accessed May 1, 2020. https://www.ussc.edu.au/events/reagan-making-america-great-the-first-time.

van Dijk, Teun. 1997. "What Is Political Discourse Analysis?" *Belgian Journal of Linguistics* 11, no. 1: 11-52.

van Kessel, S. and Castelein, R. 2016. "Shifting the blame. Populist politicians' use of Twitter as a tool of opposition." *Journal of Contemporary European Research* 12 (2): 594 – 614.

Walsh, Bob. 2007. *Clear Blogging: How People Blogging Are Changing the World and How You Can Join Them*. Berkeley, CA: Apress, Inc.

Washington Post. "Trump's Bizarre Understanding of Capitalization is Surprisingly Strategic." Accessed May 1, 2020. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/posteverything/wp/2018/05/23/trumps-bizarre-understanding-of-capitalization-is-surprisingly-strategic/.

Weller, Katrin. 2014. *Twitter and Society*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing.

Wodak, Ruth. 2009. *The Discourse of Politics in Action: Politics As Usual*. London: Palgrave Macmillan UK.

Yule, George. 1996. *Pragmatics*. Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press.

Zubiaga, Arkaitz, Damiano Spina, Raquel Martínez, and Víctor Fresno. 2014. "Real-Time Classification of Twitter Trends." *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology* 66, no. 3 (September 2014): 462–73.

Shrnutí

Cílem této diplomové práce byla lingvistická analýza tweetů prezidenta Spojených států amerických Donalda Trumpa. Tyto tweety byly analyzovány se třemi oblastmi zaměření: nástroje pro důraz, nástroje pro kondenzaci a Trumpův vztah k jeho čtenáři

Na základě těchto oblastí zaměření bylo formulováno několik výzkumných otázek: Jaké nástroje se používají pro zdůraznění a kondenzaci? Na kterých jazykových úrovních se používají nejvíce? Jaká je frekvence jejich použití? Jak se liší jeho nástroje pro důraz a kondenzaci od Hillary Clintonové? Jaký je Trumpův vztah k jeho čtenáři?

Tato práce byla rozdělena do tří hlavních částí: teoretická část, metodologie a praktická část. Teoretická část mé práce se skládá ze 5 hlavních částí. První se zaměřila na Donalda Trumpa. Nejprve představila životopis Donalda Trumpa před a během jeho politické kariéry. Byl probrán jeho vztah s Twitterem jako jeho oblíbeném způsobu komunikace. Další oblastí zájmu byl lingvistický styl Donalda Trumpa. Hlavním zdrojem části zabývající se lingvistickým stylem Trumpa byl Andrew McMurry.

Kapitola 3 se zaměřila na elektronickou komunikaci a Twitter. Elektronická komunikace má svá specifika, která zde byla rozebrána. Hlavními teoretickými zdroji této kapitoly jsou Biber a Conrad (2009) a David Crystal (2006, 2011). Poté byl prozkoumán Twitter jako velmi specifický komunikační nástroj. Skutečnost, že počet znaků, které může tweet mít, je omezený na 240 znaků, znamená, že existují rozdíly mezi komunikací na Twitteru a jinými formami komunikace. V této části definuji tyto rozdíly. Další oblastí zájmu je konkrétně použití Twitteru v politice. Twitter je už nějakou dobu oblíbeným nástrojem u politiků, kteří jej používají jako přímý neformální prostředek komunikace s voliči (Enli 2017, 52).

Kapitola 4 se zabývá tématem politického diskurzu a analýzy politického diskurzu. Politický diskurs se liší od obecného diskursu a má své vlastní specifika (van Dijk 1997, 12). V této části definuji politický diskurz a jeho hlavní znaky a také analýzu politického diskurzu. Hlavními teoretickými prameny pro tuto kapitolu jsou van Dijk (1997), Paul Chilton (2004) a Ruth Wodak (2009).

Kapitola 5 se zabývá předchozím výzkumem stejných nebo podobných témat, jako například lingvistický styl Donalda Trumpa, a to hlavně na Twitteru a další provedené analýzy jeho tweetů.

Kapitola 6 a závěrečná část teoretické části se zabývá definicí vybraných termínů nezbytných pro praktickou část.

Metodika praktické části byla kvantitativní. Byl vytvořen korpus s 200 tweety Donalda Trumpa. Tyto tweety jsou specifikovány podle data a tématu. Budu zahrnovat pouze tweety, které byly napsány během vlády Donalda Trumpa. Tyto tweety budou analyzovány z několika perspektiv na základě výzkumných otázek, se zaměřením analýzy na důraz, kondenzaci a Trumpův vztah s jeho čtenářem.

Za účelem porovnání a izolování specifik stylu Trumpových byl shromážděn druhý korpus tweetů politického oponenta Donalda Trumpa v prezidentských volbách v roce 2016 Hillary Clintonové. Tento korpus je menší, skládá se ze 100 tweetů a jeho jediným účelem je porovnání s tweety Donalda Trumpa.

Tato analýza byla rozdělena na základě jazykových úrovní.

Z pragmatického hlediska je rozebírán Trumpův vztah se čtenářem se zaměřením na gramatiku: interpunkce, překlepy, pravopisné chyby, pomlčky, elipsové tečky atd.

Na grafické úrovni je kladen důraz na velká písmena, a to jak na velké první písmeno, tak na kapitalizaci celá slova. Bylo rozebráno Trumpovo použití vykřičníků a také jeho použití znaků speciálních specifických pro Twitter: zavináč a hashtag.

Na lexikální úrovni se tato práce zabývala významem a formou vybraných položek. Položky vybrané pro analýzu významu zahrnují hodnocení příslovcí a přídavných jmen, zkratek apod.

Na syntaktické úrovni se analýza zaměřila na délku věty, souvětí, počet vět, větné ekvivalenty a segmentaci tweetů.

Analýza ukazuje, že Trump používá různé nástroje pro zdůraznění a kondenzaci. Tyto nástroje se nejčastěji používaly na grafické úrovni. Použil značné množství vykřičníků. Nástroj, který nejčastěji používal pro zdůraznění, bylo velké první

písmeno slova a v menší míře i kapitalizace celého slova. Na grafické úrovni použila Clintonová daleko méně vykřičníků a vůbec nepoužívala kapitalizaci.

Na lexikální úrovni byly také používány nástroje k zvýraznění, nejčastěji hodnotící přídavná jména a příslovce. Je několik přídavných jmen a příslovcí, která Trump často opakoval. Použil mnoho zaostřovacích výrazů, aby projevil sebevědomí a jistotu. Na této úrovni Trump používal některé nástroje kondenzace: zkrácené formy a zkratky slov, i když nekonzistentně. Clintonová používala podstatně méně vybraných přídavných jmen, příslovcí a zaostřovacích prostředků.

Na syntaktické úrovni nebyly použity žádné nástroje, které by zdůrazňovaly nebo kondenzovaly. Trump měl často dlouhé a komplikované souvětí. Struktura vět byla někdy matoucí. Může to být proto, že Trump neplánuje své tweety předem a struktura věty přesně sleduje jeho myšlenkové procesy. Clintonová měla ve srovnání věty méně komplikované a snáze sledovatelné, s jasnější strukturou.

Co se týče vztahu Trumpa ke čtenáři, Trump neukázal příliš snahy čtení čtenáři zjednodušit. Měl překlepy, jeho věty byly dlouhé a složité, jeho tweety nebyly rozděleny na segmenty nebo odstavce. Jeho tweety byly neplánované a spontánní. Hillary Clintonová ve tweetech neměla překlepy, věty měly jasnou a jednoduchou strukturu, její tweety byly často rozděleny na segmenty nebo odstavce prázdným řádkem.

Trump tedy nejčastěji používá nástroje pro zdůraznění nebo kondenzaci na grafické úrovni (vykřičník, zkratky, velká písmena), které jsou nejjednodušší k použití, a ukázal čtenáři nedostatečný respekt. Další často používání nástroje na pro zdůraznění byly na lexikální úrovni. Jeho tweety vypadaly neplánovaně, spontánně a jejich struktura velmi blízce sledovala jeho myšlenkové procesy. Jejich rejstřík byl blízký mluvenému jazyku.

Tato oblast nabízí mnoho příležitostí pro budoucí výzkum. Jeho styl vyjadřování je velmi jedinečný a zajímavý z hlediska výzkumu. Tato analýza se zaměřila pouze na malou část lingvistických jevů a v Trumpově psaném a mluveném jazyce je mnoho oblastí hodných dalšího výzkumu.

Appendix 1: Donald Trump's Tweets

Number of Tweet	Tweet	Published
1	It was just explained to me that for next weeks Fake Hearing (trial) in the House, as they interview Never Trumpers and others, I get NO LAWYER & NO DUE PROCESS. It is a Pelosi, Schiff, Scam against the Republican Party and me. This Witch Hunt should not be allowed to proceed!	07.11.2019 7:16
2	Read the Transcript. It is PERFECT!	11.11.2019 14:10
3	Just like Schiff fabricated my phone call, he will fabricate the transcripts that he is making and releasing!	11.11.2019 15:24
4	Where is the Whistleblower who gave so much false information? Must testify along with Schiff and others!	11.11.2019 12:26
5	The lawyer for the Whistleblower takes away all credibility from this big Impeachment Scam! It should be ended and the Whistleblower, his lawyer and Corrupt politician Schiff should be investigared for fraud!	11.11.2019 6:12
6	Shifty Adam Schiff will only release doctored transcripts. We haven't even seen the documents and are restricted from (get this) having a lawyer. Republicans should put out their own transcripts! Schiff must testify as to why he MADE UP a statement from me, and read it to all!	11.11.2019 6:20

7	Will be meeting with representatives of the Vaping industry, together with medical professionals and individual state representatives, to come up with an acceptable solution to the Vaping and E-cigarette dilemma. Children's health & safety, together with jobs, will be a focus!	11.11.2019 6:00
8	Based on the information released last night about the Fake Whistleblowers attorney, the Impeachment Hoax should be ended IMMEDIATELY! There is no case, except against the other side!	07.11.2019 6:00
9	Why is such a focus put on 2nd and 3rd hand witnesses, many of whom are Never Trumpers, or whose lawyers are Never Trumpers, when all you have to do is read the phone call (transcript) with the Ukrainian President and see first hand? He and others also stated that there was.....	10.11.2019 3:25
10	....."no pressure" put on him to investigate Sleepy Joe Biden even though, as President, I have an "obligation" to look into corruption, and Biden's actions, on tape, about firing the prosecutor, and his son's taking millions of dollars, with no knowledge or talent, from a.....	11.11.2019 3:25
11	....Ukrainian energy company, and more millions taken from China, and now reports of other companies and countries also giving him big money, are certainly looking very corrupt (to put it mildly!) to me. Both Bidens should be forced to testify in this No Due Process Scam!	12.11.2019 3:25
12	In order to continue being the most Transparent President in history, I will be releasing sometime this week the Transcript of the first, and therefore most important, phone call I had with the President of Ukraine. I am sure you will find it tantalizing!	11.11.2019 15:35
13	Schiff is giving Republicans NO WITNESSES, NO LAWYER & NO DUE PROCESS! It is a totally one sided Witch Hunt. This can't be making the Democrats look good. Such a farce!	11.11.2019 15:18

14	Economy is BOOMING. Seems set to have yet another record day!	12.11.2019 3:32
15	READ THE TRANSCRIPT!	13.11.2019 5:30
16	Our record Economy would CRASH, just like in 1929, if any of those clowns became President!	16.10.2019 4:29
17	Republicans are totally deprived of their rights in this Impeachment Witch Hunt. No lawyers, no questions, no transparency! The good news is that the Radical Left Dems have No Case. It is all based on their Fraud and Fabrication!	16.10.2019 4:46
18	95% Approval Rating in the Republican Party. Thank you! Just won two Congressional Seats in North Carolina, & a Governors runoff in Louisiana, which Republicans should now win! Because of Impeachment Fraud, we will easily take back the House, add in the Senate, & again win Pres!	16.10.2019 4:25
19	Shifty Adam Schiff wants to rest his entire case on a Whistleblower who he now says can't testify, & the reason he can't testify is that he is afraid to do so because his account of the Presidential telephone call is a fraud & totally different from the actual transcribed call...	15.10.2019 19:21
20	.... It also brings Shifty's fraudulent MADE UP CALL, which he read to the United States Congress pretending it to be the words of President Trump, which they were not! Nancy Pelosi is involved in this fraud in that she confirmed his fraudulent words on @GMA, and much more!	15.10.2019 19:21

21	Governor @MattBevin has done a wonderful job for the people of Kentucky! He continues to protect your very important Second Amendment. Matt is Strong on Crime and the Border, he Loves our Great Vets and Military. Matt has my Complete and Total Endorsement, and always has!	15.10.2019 8:30
22	Wow! Hunter Biden is being forced to leave a Chinese Company. Now watch the Fake News wrap their greasy and very protective arms around him. Only softball questions of him please!	14.10.2019 9:18
23	Adam Schiff now doesn't seem to want the Whistleblower to testify. NO! Must testify to explain why he got my Ukraine conversation sooo wrong, not even close. Did Schiff tell him to do that? We must determine the Whistleblower's identity to determine WHY this was done to the USA..	14.10.2019 3:39
24	Brian Kilmeade over at @foxandfriends got it all wrong. We are not going into another war between people who have been fighting with each other for 200 years. Europe had a chance to get their ISIS prisoners, but didn't want the cost. "Let the USA pay," they said...	14.10.2019 4:14
25	My deal with China is that they will IMMEDIATELY start buying very large quantities of our Agricultural Product, not wait until the deal is signed over the next 3 or 4 weeks. THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED! Likewise financial services and other deal aspects, start preparing....	13.10.2019 14:47
26	....I agreed not to increase Tariffs from 25% to 30% on October 15th. They will remain at 25%. The relationship with China is very good. We will finish out the large Phase One part of the deal, then head directly into Phase Two. The Phase One Deal can be finalized & signed soon!	13.10.2019 14:47
27	Do you remember two years ago when Iraq was going to fight the Kurds in a different part of Syria. Many people wanted us to fight with the Kurds against Iraq, who we just fought for. I said no, and the Kurds left the fight, twice. Now the same thing is happening with Turkey......	13.10.2019 6:09

28	.....The Kurds and Turkey have been fighting for many years. Turkey considers the PKK the worst terrorists of all. Others may want to come in and fight for one side or the other. Let them! We are monitoring the situation closely. Endless Wars!	13.10.2019 6:09
29	Louisiana, get out and vote REPUBLICAN before going to the big game today. A runoff will be a tremendous win for your Great State - lower taxes and car insurance, and better protection of your 2nd Amendment! Fantastic being with you last night!	12.10.2019 7:16
30	The deal I just made with China is, by far, the greatest and biggest deal ever made for our Great Patriot Farmers in the history of our Country. In fact, there is a question as to whether or not this much product can be produced? Our farmers will figure it out. Thank you China!	12.10.2019 7:09
31	So funny to watch Steve Kerr grovel and pander when asked a simple question about China. He chocked, and looks weak and pathetic. Don't want him at the White House!	11.10.2019 20:25
32	Will be with our two GREAT Senators, @SenJohnKennedy & @SenBillCassidy, tonight in Louisiana. These two hard working, really smart men, love their Country and love their State. We will hopefully add a Great New Republican Governor to the beautiful Louisiana mix! See you tonight!	11.10.2019 7:27
33	Turkey has been planning to attack the Kurds for a long time. They have been fighting forever. We have no soldiers or Military anywhere near the attack area. I am trying to end the ENDLESS WARS. Talking to both sides. Some want us to send tens of thousands of soldiers to....	10.10.2019 6:27
34	....the area and start a new war all over again. Turkey is a member of NATO. Others say STAY OUT, let the Kurds fight their own battles (even with our financial help). I say hit Turkey very hard financially & with sanctions if they don't play by the rules! I am watching closely.	10.10.2019 6:27

35	In case the Kurds or Turkey lose control, the United States has already taken the 2 ISIS militants tied to beheadings in Syria, known as the Beetles, out of that country and into a secure location controlled by the U.S. They are the worst of the worst!	09.10.2019 21:16
36	So pathetic to see Sleepy Joe Biden, who with his son, Hunter, and to the detriment of the American Taxpayer, has ripped off at least two countries for millions of dollars, calling for my impeachment - and I did nothing wrong. Joe's Failing Campaign gave him no other choice!	09.10.2019 10:55
37	Only 25 percent want the President Impeached, which is pretty low considering the volume of Fake News coverage, but pretty high considering the fact that I did NOTHING wrong. It is all just a continuation of the greatest Scam and Witch Hunt in the history of our Country!	09.10.2019 9:27
38	President Obama said that he did not have the right to sign DACA, that it will never hold up in court. He signed it anyway! If the Supreme Court upholds DACA, it gives the President extraordinary powers, far greater than ever thought. If they do what is right and do not let......	09.10.2019 7:32
39	....DACA stand, with all of its negative legal implications, the Republicans and Democrats will have a DEAL to let them stay in our Country, in very short order. It would actually benefit DACA, and be done the right way!	09.10.2019 7:32
40	The so-called Whistleblower, before knowing I was going to release the exact Transcript, stated that my call with the Ukrainian President was "crazy, frightening, and completely lacking in substance related to national security." This is a very big Lie. Read the Transcript!	09.10.2019 5:43
41	....No Pressure at all said Ukraine! Very congenial, a perfect call. The Whistleblower and others spoke BEFORE seeing the Transcript. Now they must apologize to me and stop this ridiculous impeachment!	09.10.2019 5:43

42	The Whistleblower's facts have been so incorrect about my "no pressure" conversation with the Ukrainian President, and now the conflict of interest and involvement with a Democrat Candidate, that he or she should be exposed and questioned properly. This is no Whistleblower.....	09.10.2019 4:10
43	.....The Whistleblower's lawyer is a big Democrat. The Whistleblower has ties to one of my DEMOCRAT OPPONENTS. Why does the ICIG allow this scam to continue?	09.10.2019 4:10
44	Big Rally in Louisiana on Friday night. Must force a runoff with a Liberal Democrat Governor, John Bel Edwards, who has let your Taxes and Car Insurance get too high, and will never protect your 2nd Amendment. Vote for one of our two great Republicans on Saturday, force a runoff!	08.10.2019 18:43
45	....If there is a Runoff in Louisiana, you will have a great new Republican Governor who will Cut your Taxes and Car Insurance, and do a fabulous job for you and your family. Vote Republican, the Party of Honest Abe Lincoln!	08.10.2019 18:43
46	We may be in the process of leaving Syria, but in no way have we Abandoned the Kurds, who are special people and wonderful fighters. Likewise our relationship with Turkey, a NATO and Trading partner, has been very good. Turkey already has a large Kurdish population and fully....	08.10.2019 5:55
47	....understands that while we only had 50 soldiers remaining in that section of Syria, and they have been removed, any unforced or unnecessary fighting by Turkey will be devastating to their economy and to their very fragile currency. We are helping the Kurds financially/weapons!	08.10.2019 5:55
48	As I have stated strongly before, and just to reiterate, if Turkey does anything that I, in my great and unmatched wisdom, consider to be off limits, I will totally destroy and obliterate the Economy of Turkey (I've done before!). They must, with Europe and others, watch over...	07.10.2019 8:38

49	....the captured ISIS fighters and families. The U.S. has done far more than anyone could have ever expected, including the capture of 100% of the ISIS Caliphate. It is time now for others in the region, some of great wealth, to protect their own territory. THE USA IS GREAT!	07.10.2019 8:38
50	I was elected on getting out of these ridiculous endless wars, where our great Military functions as a policing operation to the benefit of people who don't even like the USA. The two most unhappy countries at this move are Russia & China, because they love seeing us bogged.....	07.10.2019 8:20
51	....down, watching over a quagmire, & spending big dollars to do so. When I took over, our Military was totally depleted. Now it is stronger than ever before. The endless and ridiculous wars are ENDING! We will be focused on the big picture, knowing we can always go back & BLAST!	07.10.2019 8:20
52	The United States was supposed to be in Syria for 30 days, that was many years ago. We stayed and got deeper and deeper into battle with no aim in sight. When I arrived in Washington, ISIS was running rampant in the area. We quickly defeated 100% of the ISIS Caliphate,.....	07.10.2019 4:40
53	....including capturing thousands of ISIS fighters, mostly from Europe. But Europe did not want them back, they said you keep them USA! I said "NO, we did you a great favor and now you want us to hold them in U.S. prisons at tremendous cost. They are yours for trials." They.....	07.10.2019 4:40
54	.....again said "NO," thinking, as usual, that the U.S. is always the "sucker," on NATO, on Trade, on everything. The Kurds fought with us, but were paid massive amounts of money and equipment to do so. They have been fighting Turkey for decades. I held off this fight for....	07.10.2019 4:40
55	...figure the situation out, and what they want to do with the captured ISIS fighters in their "neighborhood." They all hate ISIS, have been enemies for years. We are 7000 miles away and will crush ISIS again if they come anywhere near us!	07.10.2019 4:40

56	Nancy Pelosi knew of all of the many Shifty Adam Schiff lies and massive frauds perpetrated upon Congress and the American people, in the form of a fraudulent speech knowingly delivered as a ruthless con, and the illegal meetings with a highly partisan "Whistleblower" & lawyer...	06.10.2019 19:27
57	....This makes Nervous Nancy every bit as guilty as Liddle' Adam Schiff for High Crimes and Misdemeanors, and even Treason. I guess that means that they, along with all of those that evilly "Colluded" with them, must all be immediately Impeached!	06.10.2019 19:27
58	Breaking News: Unemployment Rate, at 3.5%, drops to a 50 YEAR LOW. Wow America, lets impeach your President (even though he did nothing wrong!).	04.10.2019 5:47
59	As the President of the United States, I have an absolute right, perhaps even a duty, to investigate, or have investigated, CORRUPTION, and that would include asking, or suggesting, other Countries to help us out!	03.10.2019 18:04
60	Young campus Conservatives are flocking to Turning Point USA & other Conservative speaker events all over the Country, AND IN RECORD NUMBERS. Thousands of students are turning out. "I just want to compliment the President of the United States for signing that historic Executive..	23.10.2019 5:29
61	....Order a couple of months ago saying that any school that does not uphold the First Amendment Rights of its students will lose Federal Funding. We have seen a huge change in how the Universities interact with us as a national & local student organization. Our studends....	23.10.2019 5:29
62	....feel EMPOWERED. There's a movement happening on these campuses like I've never seen before. When you have 3000 students wanting to get into an event that couldn't get in, that's pretty remarkable!" @charliekirk11 Turning Point USA KEEP AMERICA GREAT!	23.10.2019 5:29

63	(Kiddingly) We're building a Wall in Colorado"(then stated, "we're not building a Wall in Kansas but they get the benefit of the Wall we're building on the Border") refered to people in the very packed auditorium, from Colorado & Kansas, getting the benefit of the Border Wall!	23.10.2019 21:20
64	Neither he (Taylor) or any other witness has provided testimony that the Ukrainians were aware that military aid was being withheld. You can't have a quid pro quo with no quo." Congressman John Ratcliffe @foxandfriends Where is the Whistleblower? The Do Nothing Dems case is DEAD!	23.10.2019 4:32
65	So some day, if a Democrat becomes President and the Republicans win the House, even by a tiny margin, they can impeach the President, without due process or fairness or any legal rights. All Republicans must remember what they are witnessing here - a lynching. But we will WIN!	22.10.2019 4:52
66	Big success on the Turkey/Syria Border. Safe Zone created! Ceasefire has held and combat missions have ended. Kurds are safe and have worked very nicely with us. Captured ISIS prisoners secured. I will be making a statement at 11:00 A.M. from the White House. Thank you!	23.10.2019 5:39
67	Wow, a blowout JOBS number just out, adjusted for revisions and the General Motors strike, 303,000. This is far greater than expectations. USA ROCKS!	01.11.2019 5:52
68	1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, the White House, is the place I have come to love and will stay for, hopefully, another 5 years as we MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, but my family and I will be making Palm Beach, Florida, our Permanent Residence. I cherish New York, and the people of.....	31.10.2019 18:32
69	....New York, and always will, but unfortunately, despite the fact that I pay millions of dollars in city, state and local taxes each year, I have been treated very badly by the political leaders of both the city and state. Few have been treated worse. I hated having to make....	31.10.2019 18:32

70	....this decision, but in the end it will be best for all concerned. As President, I will always be there to help New York and the great people of New York. It will always have a special place in my heart!	31.10.2019 18:32
71	The Greatest Witch Hunt In American History!	31.10.2019 8:31
72	The Impeachment Hoax is hurting our Stock Market. The Do Nothing Democrats don't care!	31.10.2019 7:57
73	China and the USA are working on selecting a new site for signing of Phase One of Trade Agreement, about 60% of total deal, after APEC in Chile was canceled do to unrelated circumstances. The new location will be announced soon. President Xi and President Trump will do signing!	31.10.2019 6:24
74	Early voting in Louisiana for a man who will be a Great Governor, @EddieRispone, on Saturday, November 2nd. He will get your Auto Insurance and Taxes way down. He will protect your Military, Vets, Second Amendment and Energy....	30.10.2019 11:44
75	....Your current Governor, John Bel Edwards, has done a poor job with economic development (last in nation) and auto insurance (highest in nation) wants to raise your taxes BIG - vote for Eddie starting Saturday!	30.10.2019 11:44
76	The Greatest Economy in American History!	30.10.2019 4:38

77	Republicans are very unified and energized in our fight on the Impeachment Hoax with the Do Nothing Democrats, and now are starting to go after the Substance even more than the very infair Process because just a casual reading of the Transcript leads EVERYBODY to see that.....	30.10.2019 4:32
78	.....the call with the Ukrainian President was a totally appropriate one. As he said, "No Pressure." This Impeachment nonsense is just a continuation of the Witch Hunt Hoax, which has been going on since before I even got elected. Rupublicans, go with Substance and close it out!	30.10.2019 4:32
79	Consumer Confidence number very good. Housing sales in September up nicely. Economy Rocks!	29.10.2019 7:12
80	Thanks to many of you here today, my Administration and Republicans in Congress have now confirmed 157 FEDERAL JUDGES who will uphold our Constitution AS WRITTEN, a profoundly historic milestone and a truly momentous achievement!	06.11.2019 13:54
81	Badly failing presidential candidate @KamalaHarris will not go to a very wonderful largely African American event today because yesterday I recieved a major award, at the same event, for being able to produce & sign into law major Criminal Justice Reform legislation, which will..	26.10.2019 5:18
82	Turkey fully understands not to fire on the Kurds as they leave what will be known as the Safe Zone for other fairly nearby areas. I don't have to repeat that large scale Sanctions will be imposed for violations. Going well! ISIS secured by Kurds with Turkey ready as backup.....	25.10.2019 5:32
83	....USA has gained Trillions of Dollars in wealth since November 2016. All others way down. Our power is Economic before having to use our newly rebuilt Military, a much better alternative. Oil is secured. Our soldiers have left and are leaving Syria for other places, then....	25.10.2019 5:32

84	....COMING HOME! We were supposed to be there for 30 days - That was 10 years ago. When these pundit fools who have called the Middle East wrong for 20 years ask what we are getting out of the deal, I simply say, THE OIL, AND WE ARE BRINGING OUR SOLDIERS BACK HOME, ISIS SECURED!	25.10.2019 5:32
85	Thank you to House Republicans for being tough, smart, and understanding in detail the greatest Witch Hunt in American History. It has been going on since long before I even got Elected (the Insurance Policy!). A total Scam!	24.10.2019 7:28
86	The Whistleblower got it sooo wrong that HE must come forward. The Fake News Media knows who he is but, being an arm of the Democrat Party, don't want to reveal him because there would be hell to pay. Reveal the Whistleblower and end the Impeachment Hoax!	03.11.2019 6:33
87	The Governor of California, @GavinNewsom, has done a terrible job of forest management. I told him from the first day we met that he must "clean" his forest floors regardless of what his bosses, the environmentalists, DEMAND of him. Must also do burns and cut fire stoppers.....	03.11.2019 6:11
88	..Every year, as the fire's rage & California burns, it is the same thing-and then he comes to the Federal Government for $$$ help. No more. Get your act together Governor. You don't see close to the level of burn in other states...But our teams are working well together in.....	03.11.2019 6:11
89	....putting these massive, and many, fires out. Great firefighters! Also, open up the ridiculously closed water lanes coming down from the North. Don't pour it out into the Pacific Ocean. Should be done immediately. California desperately needs water, and you can have it now!	03.11.2019 6:12
90	If Iran is able to turn over to the U.S. kidnapped former FBI Agent Robert A. Levinson, who has been missing in Iran for 12 years, it would be a very positive step. At the same time, upon information & belief, Iran is, & has been, enriching uranium. THAT WOULD BE A VERY BAD STEP!	10.11.2019 6:25

91	The call to the Ukrainian President was PERFECT. Read the Transcript! There was NOTHING said that was in any way wrong. Republicans, don't be led into the fools trap of saying it was not perfect, but is not impeachable. No, it is much stronger than that. NOTHING WAS DONE WRONG!	10.11.2019 11:43
92	Corrupt politician Adam Schiff wants people from the White House to testify in his and Pelosi's disgraceful Witch Hunt, yet he will not allow a White House lawyer, nor will he allow ANY of our requested witnesses. This is a first in due process and Congressional history!	10.11.2019 10:58
93	Stock Market up big today. A New Record. Enjoy!	07.11.2019 7:43
94	Bill Barr did not decline my request to talk about Ukraine. The story was a Fake Washington Post con job with an "anonymous" source that doesn't exist. Just read the Transcript. The Justice Department already ruled that the call was good. We don't have freedom of the press!	07.11.2019 4:28
95	Years ago, when Media was legitimate, people known as "Fact Checkers" would always call to check and see if a story was accurate. Nowadays they don't use "Fact Checkers" anymore, they just write whatever they want!	06.11.2019 9:06
96	Congratulations to @tatereeves on winning Governor of the Great State of Mississippi. Our big Rally on Friday night moved the numbers from a tie to a big WIN. Great reaction under pressure Tate!	05.11.2019 20:51
97	So sad to see what is happening in New York where Governor Cuomo & Mayor DeBlasio are letting out 900 Criminals, some hardened & bad, onto the sidewalks of our rapidly declining, because of them, city. The Radical Left Dems are killing our cities. NYPD Commissioner is resigning!	05.11.2019 18:05

98	This is the time for Mexico, with the help of the United States, to wage WAR on the drug cartels and wipe them off the face of the earth. We merely await a call from your great new president!	05.11.2019 5:28
99	I will be releasing the transcript of the first, and therefore more important, phone call with the Ukrainian President before week's end!	12.11.2019 3:31
100	Many of the people in DACA, no longer very young, are far from "angels." Some are very tough, hardened criminals. President Obama said he had no legal right to sign order, but would anyway. If Supreme Court remedies with overturn, a deal will be made with Dems for them to stay!	12.11.2019 3:45
101	The United States just spent Two Trillion Dollars on Military Equipment. We are the biggest and by far the BEST in the World! If Iran attacks an American Base, or any American, we will be sending some of that brand new beautiful equipment their way...and without hesitation!	04.01.2020 21:11
102	Iran is talking very boldly about targeting certain USA assets as revenge for our ridding the world of their terrorist leader who had just killed an American, & badly wounded many others, not to mention all of the people he had killed over his lifetime, including recently....	04.01.2020 14:52
103	....hundreds of Iranian protesters. He was already attacking our Embassy, and preparing for additional hits in other locations. Iran has been nothing but problems for many years. Let this serve as a WARNING that if Iran strikes any Americans, or American assets, we have.....	04.01.2020 14:52
104	....targeted 52 Iranian sites (representing the 52 American hostages taken by Iran many years ago), some at a very high level & important to Iran & the Iranian culture, and those targets, and Iran itself, WILL BE HIT VERY FAST AND VERY HARD. The USA wants no more threats!	04.01.2020 14:52

105	As hard as I work, & as successful as our Country has become with our Economy, our Military & everything else, it is ashame that the Democrats make us spend so much time & money on this ridiculous Impeachment Lite Hoax. I should be able to devote all of my time to the REAL USA!	04.01.2020 14:16
106	95% Approval Rating in the Republican Party. Thank you!	04.01.2020 6:57
107	The United States has paid Iraq Billions of Dollars a year, for many years. That is on top of all else we have done for them. The people of Iraq don't want to be dominated & controlled by Iran, but ultimately, that is their choice. Over the last 15 years, Iran has gained more....	03.01.2020 7:09
108	....and more control over Iraq, and the people of Iraq are not happy with that. It will never end well!	03.01.2020 7:09
109	These Media Posts will serve as notification to the United States Congress that should Iran strike any U.S. person or target, the United States will quickly & fully strike back, & perhaps in a disproportionate manner. Such legal notice is not required, but is given nevertheless!	05.01.2020 12:25
110	General Qassem Soleimani has killed or badly wounded thousands of Americans over an extended period of time, and was plotting to kill many more...but got caught! He was directly and indirectly responsible for the death of millions of people, including the recent large number....	03.01.2020 5:54
111	....of PROTESTERS killed in Iran itself. While Iran will never be able to properly admit it, Soleimani was both hated and feared within the country. They are not nearly as saddened as the leaders will let the outside world believe. He should have been taken out many years ago!	03.01.2020 5:54

112	Iran never won a war, but never lost a negotiation!	03.01.2020 4:44
113	A lot of very good people were taken down by a small group of Dirty (Filthy) Cops, politicians, government officials, and an investigation that was illegally started & that SPIED on my campaign. The Witch Hunt is sputtering badly, but still going on (Ukraine Hoax!). If this....	02.01.2020 5:58
114	....had happened to a Presidential candidate, or President, who was a Democrat, everybody involved would long ago be in jail for treason (and more), and it would be considered the CRIME OF THE CENTURY, far bigger and more sinister than Watergate!	02.01.2020 5:58
115	The Fake News said I played golf today, and I did NOT! I had meeting in various locations, while closely monitoring the U.S. Embassy situation in Iraq, which I am still doing. The Corrupt Lamestream Media knew this but, not surprisingly, failed to report or correct!	31.12.2019 14:11
116	The U.S. Embassy in Iraq is, & has been for hours, SAFE! Many of our great Warfighters, together with the most lethal military equipment in the world, was immediately rushed to the site. Thank you to the President & Prime Minister of Iraq for their rapid response upon request....	31.12.2019 13:19
117	....Iran will be held fully responsible for lives lost, or damage incurred, at any of our facilities. They will pay a very BIG PRICE! This is not a Warning, it is a Threat. Happy New Year!	31.12.2019 13:19
118	Read the Transcripts!	31.12.2019 9:34

119	To those many millions of people in Iraq who want freedom and who don't want to be dominated and controlled by Iran, this is your time!	31.12.2019 7:44
120	I will be signing our very large and comprehensive Phase One Trade Deal with China on January 15. The ceremony will take place at the White House. High level representatives of China will be present. At a later date I will be going to Beijing where talks will begin on Phase Two!	31.12.2019 6:16
121	President Putin of Russia called to thank me and the U.S. for informing them of a planned terrorist attack in the very beautiful city of Saint Petersburg. They were able to quickly apprehend the suspects, with many lives being saved. Great & important coordination!	31.12.2019 6:06
122	Very good meeting on the Middle East, the Military, and Trade. Heading back to The Southern White House (Mar-a-Lago!). Updates throughout the day.	31.12.2019 8:51
123	Iran killed an American contractor, wounding many. We strongly responded, and always will. Now Iran is orchestrating an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Iraq. They will be held fully responsible. In addition, we expect Iraq to use its forces to protect the Embassy, and so notified!	31.12.2019 4:02
124	California and New York must do something about their TREMENDOUS Homeless problems. They are setting records! If their Governors can't handle the situation, which they should be able to do very easily, they must call and "politely" ask for help. Would be so easy with competence!	28.12.2019 5:33
125	So sad to see that New York City and State are falling apart. All they want to do is investigate to make me hate them even more than I should. Governor Cuomo has lost control, and lost his mind. Very bad for the homeless and all!	28.12.2019 13:14

126	Thank YOU Indian Country for being such an IMPORTANT part of the American story! I recently signed 3 bills to support tribal sovereignty....	27.12.2019 8:37
127	....and native culture – S.216/Spokane Tribe, S.256/Native Languages and NDAA Sec. 2870 officially recognizing Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians. My great honor to do so!	27.12.2019 8:37
128	Despite all of the great success that our Country has had over the last 3 years, it makes it much more difficult to deal with foreign leaders (and others) when I am having to constantly defend myself against the Do Nothing Democrats & their bogus Impeachment Scam. Bad for USA!	26.12.2019 6:36
129	Nancy Pelosi's District in California has rapidly become one of the worst anywhere in the U.S. when it come to the homeless & crime. It has gotten so bad, so fast - she has lost total control and, along with her equally incompetent governor, Gavin Newsom, it is a very sad sight!	26.12.2019 4:59
130	The Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrats said they wanted to RUSH everything through to the Senate because "President Trump is a threat to National Security" (they are vicious, will say anything!), but now they don't want to go fast anymore, they want to go very slowly. Liars!	26.12.2019 4:18
131	2019 HOLIDAY RETAIL SALES WERE UP 3.4% FROM LAST YEAR, THE BIGGEST NUMBER IN U.S. HISTORY. CONGRATULATIONS AMERICA!	25.12.2019 12:32
132	The ONLY reason we were able to get our great USMCA Trade Deal approved was because the Do Nothing Democrats wanted to show that they could approve something productive in light of the fact that all they even think about is impeachment. She knows nothing about the USMCA Deal!	24.12.2019 5:25

133	Everything we're seeing from Speaker Pelosi and Senator Schumer suggests that they're in real doubt about the evidence they've brought forth so far not being good enough, and are very, very urgently seeking a way to find some more evidence. The only way to make this work is to..	24.12.2019 4:10
134	....mount some kind of public pressure to demand witnesses, but McConnell has the votes and he can run this trial anyway he wants to. @brithume @foxandfriends	24.12.2019 4:10
135	STOCK MARKET CLOSES AT ALL-TIME HIGH! What a great time for the Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrats to Impeach your favorite President, especially since he has not done anything wrong!	23.12.2019 16:17
136	NASDAQ UP 72.2% SINCE OUR GREAT 2016 ELECTION VICTORY! DOW UP 55.8%. The best is yet to come!	23.12.2019 15:58
137	Wouldn't it be reasonable to assume that Republicans in the Senate should handle the Impeachment Hoax in the exact same manner as Democrats in the House handled their recent partisan scam? Why would it be different for Republicans than it was for the Radical Left Democrats?	23.12.2019 15:25
138	Nancy Pelosi, who has already lost the House & Speakership once, & is about to lose it again, is doing everything she can to delay the zero Republican vote Articles of Impeachment. She is trying to take over the Senate, & Cryin' Chuck is trying to take over the trial. No way!....	23.12.2019 14:13
139	....What right does Crazy Nancy have to hold up this Senate trial. None! She has a bad case and would rather not have a negative decision. This Witch Hunt must end NOW with a trial in the Senate, or let her default & lose. No more time should be wasted on this Impeachment Scam!	23.12.2019 14:13

140	The Democrats and Crooked Hillary paid for & provided a Fake Dossier, with phony information gotten from foreign sources, pushed it to the corrupt media & Dirty Cops, & have now been caught. They spied on my campaign, then tried to cover it up - Just Like Watergate, but bigger!	22.12.2019 14:14
141	Crazy Nancy wants to dictate terms on the Impeachment Hoax to the Republican Majority Senate, but striped away all Due Process, no lawyers or witnesses, on the Democrat Majority House. The Dems just wish it would all end. Their case is dead, their poll numbers are horrendous!	22.12.2019 12:18
142	Last night I was so proud to have signed the largest Defense Bill ever. The very vital Space Force was created. New planes, ships, missiles, rockets and equipment of every kind, and all made right here in the USA. Additionally, we got Border Wall (being built) funding. Nice!	21.12.2019 11:38
143	Broke all time Stock Market Record again today. 135 times since my 2016 Election Win. Thank you!	20.12.2019 20:43
144	Nancy Pelosi is looking for a Quid Pro Quo with the Senate. Why aren't we Impeaching her?	20.12.2019 13:28
145	My Administration pushed to include a big expansion to Veteran telehealth in the spending bill so that the brave men and women who served our Country get the care they need. #RuralProsperity	20.12.2019 19:32
146	Honored to finally put an end to the "Widow's Tax" and ensure that our surviving military spouses receive their full benefits. The spouses and families of our fallen heroes have suffered enough and WE must do everything in our power to ease the burden.	20.12.2019 19:31

147	We will always provide for our Veterans and their mental health. I pushed Congress to provide $10 Billion for Vet mental health, suicide prevention outreach, and funding for my PREVENTS Initiative to end Vet suicide. Congress responded. A big win for our Vets!	20.12.2019 19:31
148	Last year I signed legislation that gives our Veterans CHOICE, through private providers, and at urgent care facilities! Today we fully funded this $10 billion a year effort that gets our brave Veterans care quickly, and close to home.	20.12.2019 19:30
149	Just had a great call with the President of Brazil, @JairBolsonaro. We discussed many subjects including Trade. The relationship between the United States and Brazil has never been Stronger!	20.12.2019 13:09
150	Congressman Kevin Brady (@bradyfortexas) is an outstanding representative for our Country and the Great State of Texas. A big supporter of our #MAGA Agenda....	20.12.2019 13:07
151	....Kevin is strong on Securing the Border, #USMCA, protecting our #2A, and Loves our Vets and Military. Kevin is a true friend, and has my Complete and Total Endorsement!	20.12.2019 13:07
152	The Democrat Party's Witch Hunt and CRAZY EXTREME policies are chasing common sense people out of the Dem Party. That's why Jeff Van Drew (@CongressmanJVD) voted NO on the Impeachment Hoax. Jeff will be joining our growing Republican Party....	20.12.2019 13:04
153	....and has my FULL Endorsement. This is a BIG win for our GOP and a BIG win for South Jersey. South Jersey is TRUMP COUNTRY, so I know ALL NJ Republicans will join me in supporting Jeff Van Drew. The Dems are already coming after him, so help Jeff win.	20.12.2019 13:04

154	Congressman @ScottRTipton is a great supporter of the #MAGA Agenda! He fights for your #2A rights and the Border Wall. Scott is working hard for Colorado and has my Complete and Total Endorsement!	20.12.2019 12:59
155	I will be signing our 738 Billion Dollar Defense Spending Bill today. It will include 12 weeks Paid Parental Leave, gives our troops a raise, importantly creates the SPACE FORCE, SOUTHERN BORDER WALL FUNDING, repeals "Cadillac Tax" on Health Plans, raises smoking age to 21! BIG!	20.12.2019 6:19
156	A far left magazine, or very "progressive," as some would call it, which has been doing poorly and hasn't been involved with the Billy Graham family for many years, Christianity Today, knows nothing about reading a perfect transcript of a routine phone call and would rather.....	20.12.2019 4:12
157	....have a Radical Left nonbeliever, who wants to take your religion & your guns, than Donald Trump as your President. No President has done more for the Evangelical community, and it's not even close. You'll not get anything from those Dems on stage. I won't be reading ET again!	20.12.2019 4:12
158	SUCH ATROCIOUS LIES BY THE RADICAL LEFT, DO NOTHING DEMOCRATS. THIS IS AN ASSAULT ON AMERICA, AND AN ASSAULT ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!!!!	18.12.2019 9:44
159	The House Democrats were unable to get even a single vote from the Republicans on their Impeachment Hoax. The Republicans have never been so united! The Dem's case is so bad that they don't even want to go to trial!	19.12.2019 16:36
160	So after the Democrats gave me no Due Process in the House, no lawyers, no witnesses, no nothing, they now want to tell the Senate how to run their trial. Actually, they have zero proof of anything, they will never even show up. They want out. I want an immediate trial!	19.12.2019 16:16

161	Pelosi feels her phony impeachment HOAX is so pathetic she is afraid to present it to the Senate, which can set a date and put this whole SCAM into default if they refuse to show up! The Do Nothings are so bad for our Country!	19.12.2019 8:07
162	I got Impeached last night without one Republican vote being cast with the Do Nothing Dems on their continuation of the greatest Witch Hunt in American history. Now the Do Nothing Party want to Do Nothing with the Articles & not deliver them to the Senate, but it's Senate's call!	19.12.2019 6:10
163	Can you believe that I will be impeached today by the Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrats, AND I DID NOTHING WRONG! A terrible Thing. Read the Transcripts. This should never happen to another President again. Say a PRAYER!	18.12.2019 4:34
164	So, if Comey & the top people in the FBI were dirty cops and cheated on the FISA Court, wouldn't all of these phony cases have to be overturned or dismissed? They went after me with the Fake Dossier, paid for by Crooked Hillary & the DNC, which they illegally presented to FISA...	17.12.2019 20:10
165	....They want to Impeach me (I'm not worried!), and yet they were all breaking the law in so many ways. How can they do that and yet impeach a very successful (Economy Plus) President of the United States, who has done nothing wrong? These people are Crazy!	17.12.2019 20:10
166	Good marks and reviews on the letter I sent to Pelosi today. She is the worst! No wonder with people like her and Cryin' Chuck Schumer, D.C. has been such a mess for so long - and that includes the previous administration who (and now we know for sure) SPIED on my campaign.	17.12.2019 19:54
167	Democrat "leadership," despite their denials, are putting tremendous pressure on their members to vote yes on this ridiculous Impeachment. If they vote yes, it will be much easier for Republicans to win in 2020!	17.12.2019 15:48

168	Senator Dan Sullivan is doing a great job for the people of Alaska while supporting our #MAGA Agenda. He fights hard everyday to support our Veterans and the Military. Dan is Strong on the #2A and is 100% pro-jobs. I give Dan Sullivan my Complete and Total Endorsement!	17.12.2019 13:44
169	Congressman @MarkwayneMullin is a big time #MAGA supporter! Markwayne has fought hard for Oklahoma Veterans and Military, he loves our Farmers and he's Strong on Border Security. I give Markwayne my Complete and Total Endorsement!	17.12.2019 13:17
170	Congresswoman Kay @GrangerCampaign has worked hard for Texas and been a strong supporter of our #MAGA Agenda. She's strong on #2A and Securing our Border and is 100% pro-life. Kay has my Complete and Total Endorsement!	17.12.2019 13:14
171	Would be sooo great if the Fed would further lower interest rates and quantitative ease. The Dollar is very strong against other currencies and there is almost no inflation. This is the time to do it. Exports would zoom!	17.12.2019 7:12
172	The new USA Today Poll, just out, has me leading all of the Democrat contenders. That's hard to believe since the Fake News & 3 year Scams and Witch Hunts, as phony as they are, just never seem to end. The American people are smart. They see the great economy, & everything else!	17.12.2019 6:56
173	The Stock Market hit another Record High yesterday, number 133 in less than three years as your all time favorite President, and the Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrats, want to impeach me. Don't worry, I have done nothing wrong. Actually, they have!	17.12.2019 6:39
174	New Stock Market high! I will never get bored of telling you that – and we will never get tired of winning!	16.12.2019 9:41

175	I look very much forward to debating whoever the lucky person is who stumbles across the finish line in the little watched Do Nothing Democrat Debates. My record is so good on the Economy and all else, including debating, that perhaps I would consider more than 3 debates.....	16.12.2019 6:25
176	....The problem is that the so-called Commission on Presidential Debates is stacked with Trump Haters & Never Trumpers. 3 years ago they were forced to publicly apologize for modulating my microphone in the first debate against Crooked Hillary. As President, the debates are up...	16.12.2019 6:25
177	....to me, and there are many options, including doing them directly & avoiding the nasty politics of this very biased Commission. I will make a decision at an appropriate time but in the meantime, the Commission on Presidential Debates is NOT authorized to speak for me (or R's)!	16.12.2019 6:25
178	READ THE TRANSCRIPTS! The Impeachment Hoax is the greatest con job in the history of American politics! The Fake News Media, and their partner, the Democrat Party, are working overtime to make life for the United Republican Party, and all it stands for, as difficult as possible!	16.12.2019 5:54
179	Congressional Do Nothing Democrats are being absolutely decimated in their districts on the subject of the Impeachment Hoax. People that voted for them are literally screaming in their faces. Crazy Nancy is finding defending Shifty Schiff harder than she thought! #2020Election	15.12.2019 14:28
180	Schiff's correcting the record memo has turned out to be totally wrong (based on the I.G. Report)! A very big lie. @MariaBartiromo And @DevinNunes has turned out to be completely right. Congratulations to Devin. The Fake News Media should apologize to all!	15.12.2019 9:12
181	Hard to believe that @FoxNews will be interviewing sleazebag & totally discredited former FBI Director James Comey, & also corrupt politician Adam "Shifty" Schiff. Fox is trying sooo hard to be politically correct, and yet they were totally shut out from the failed Dem debates!	14.12.2019 16:10

182	Chuck Schumer sat for years during the Obama Administration and watched as China ripped off the United States. He & the Do Nothing Democrats did NOTHING as this $ carnage took place. Now, without even seeing it, he snipes at our GREAT new deal with China. Too bad Cryin' Chuck!	14.12.2019 11:09
183	After watching the disgraceful way that a wonderful man, @BrettKavanaugh, was treated by the Democrats, and now seeing first hand how these same Radical Left, Do Nothing Dems are treating the whole Impeachment Hoax, I understand why so many Dems are voting Republican!	14.12.2019 5:07
184	We have agreed to a very large Phase One Deal with China. They have agreed to many structural changes and massive purchases of Agricultural Product, Energy, and Manufactured Goods, plus much more. The 25% Tariffs will remain as is, with 7 1/2% put on much of the remainder....	13.12.2019 7:25
185	.....The Penalty Tariffs set for December 15th will not be charged because of the fact that we made the deal. We will begin negotiations on the Phase Two Deal immediately, rather than waiting until after the 2020 Election. This is an amazing deal for all. Thank you!	13.12.2019 7:25
186	How do you get Impeached when you have done NOTHING wrong (a perfect call), have created the best economy in the history of our Country, rebuilt our Military, fixed the V.A. (Choice!), cut Taxes & Regs, protected your 2nd A, created Jobs, Jobs, Jobs, and soooo much more? Crazy!	13.12.2019 5:42
187	Poll numbers have gone through the roof in favor of No Impeachment, especially with Swing States and Independents in Swing States. People have figured out that the Democrats have no case, it is a total Hoax. Even Pelosi admitted yesterday that she began this scam 2 1/2 years ago!	13.12.2019 4:01
188	My Approval Rating in the Republican Party is 95%, a Record. Thank you! #2020Election	13.12.2019 3:53

189	Congratulations to Boris Johnson on his great WIN! Britain and the United States will now be free to strike a massive new Trade Deal after BREXIT. This deal has the potential to be far bigger and more lucrative than any deal that could be made with the E.U. Celebrate Boris!	12.12.2019 22:08
190	I also have constantly asked, "Why aren't Germany, France and other European countries helping Ukraine more? They are the biggest beneficiaries. Why is it always the good ol' United States?" The Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrats, never mention this at their phony hearing!	12.12.2019 8:05
191	Getting VERY close to a BIG DEAL with China. They want it, and so do we!	12.12.2019 6:35
192	Read the Transcripts! "us" is a reference to USA, not me!	10.12.2019 7:10
193	Congratulations to JUDGE LAWRENCE VANDYKE on being confirmed to the Ninth Circuit. Great job!	12.12.2019 4:57
194	They were just upset that I demanded they pay their fair share for NATO. Their countries are delinquent. I raised $530 Billion more from NATO countries! Thank you Charles.	11.12.2019 6:19
195	Wow! All of our priorities have made it into the final NDAA: Pay Raise for our Troops, Rebuilding our Military, Paid Parental Leave, Border Security, and Space Force! Congress – don't delay this anymore! I will sign this historic defense legislation immediately!	11.12.2019 7:17

196	Great Rally in Pennsylvania last night. Congressman Lloyd Smucker (PA-11) was there and I informed him that he has my complete and total Endorsement for the upcoming 2020 Election. Lloyd has done a great job. I am with him all the way! #MAGA	11.12.2019 15:45
197	THANK YOU PENNSYLVANIA! With your help, your devotion, and your drive, we are going to keep on working, we are going to keep on fighting, and we are going to keep ON WINNING! We are ONE movement, ONE people, ONE family, and ONE GLORIOUS NATION UNDER GOD!	10.12.2019 17:47
198	It's great to have a wonderful subject, President Trump. Fake News like CNN & MSNBC are dying. If they treated me fairly, they would do well. Have Zero credibility!	12.12.2019 3:59
199	Congress & the President should not be wasting their time and energy on a continuation of the totally partisan Impeachment Hoax when we have so many important matters pending. 196 to ZERO was the Republican House vote, & we got 3 Dems. This was not what the Founders had in mind!	06.01.2020 6:39
200	IRAN WILL NEVER HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON!	06.01.2020 6:48

Appendix 2: Hillary Clinton's Tweets

Number of tweet	Tweet	Published
1	I'm thinking today of our fellow Americans affected by the earthquakes in Puerto Rico. Many families have been left without power and water. If you can, support an organization providing disaster relief here:	07.01.2020 10:00
2	It's my great privilege to become @QUBelfast's 11th—and first female—chancellor. It's a place I have great fondness for and have grown a strong relationship with over the years, and I'm proud to be an ambassador for its excellence.	02.01.2020 8:57
3	There's something all of us can do to be braver, more resilient, kinder, and more grateful. This holiday season, that's my wish for all of us. Happy New Year!	31.12.2019 8:16
4	Talked with John Lewis who's ready to fight another battle while he continues working for all of us. Support him and the #beloved community he stands for.	30.12.2019 6:48
5	I'm sending my prayers to the families and the community affected by last night's horrific attack on a rabbi's home in Monsey. We must all stand shoulder to shoulder to fight anti-Semitism and demand that our elected leaders do the same.	29.12.2019 8:37

6	The president has abused his power—using his office to further not the nation's objectives but his own personal, political objectives—and, together, we are holding him accountable. Feel proud. Keep going.	19.12.2019 8:00
7	One of our most precious rights as Americans is the right to determine who our leaders are. The president abused his powers to cheat in the next election and rob us of that right. Then he obstructed Congress to cover it up. Impeachment is the only remedy. #DefendOurDemocracy	18.12.2019 7:48
8	More than 750 historians "devoted to studying our nation's past," including Ron Chernow and Robert A. Caro, have signed a letter supporting the president's impeachment and removal.	17.12.2019 9:09
9	The deadline to get covered by Obamacare is this Sunday, December 15. Head to http://HealthCare.gov to find a plan that works for you, and talk to your friends and family to make sure they're covered!	13.12.2019 8:49
10	Make sure your family and friends see the evidence for themselves: The president asked a foreign power to interfere in the 2020 election for his own political gain. Americans deserve free and fair elections. He must be held accountable.	12.12.2019 7:36
11	When she was sworn in as Finland's new prime minister yesterday, @marinsanna became the world's youngest prime minister—and the head of a coalition government led entirely by women. Hyvä Suomi!	11.12.2019 7:56

12	I couldn't think of a better Person of the Year than @GretaThunberg. I am grateful for all she's done to raise awareness of the climate crisis and her willingness to tell hard, motivating truths. As she said today: "Change is coming, whether you like it or not." #gutsywomen	11.12.2019 6:52
13	By Monday, @OnwardTogether partner @arenasummit will have trained almost 1,000 new staffers for progressive campaigns through #ArenaAcademy. Sign up to be notified when applications for the next training open up:	06.12.2019 7:56
14	An icon turns 50. Jay-Z's story is as American a tale as they come—full of poetry, hard work, and pushing for progress on issues he cares about. (For more, I recommend @MichaelEDyson's definitive biography.) Happy birthday, @S_C_!	04.12.2019 9:37
15	Every American should read the evidence for themselves in the House's impeachment inquiry report. It catalogues "a months-long effort by President Trump to use the powers of his office to solicit foreign interference on his behalf in the 2020 election." https://intelligence.house.gov/report/	04.12.2019 8:23
16	To all the candidates, staff, and volunteers who have worked their hearts out for presidential campaigns that have ended—remember that fighting for what you believe in is always worth it.	03.12.2019 10:33
17	Every time a new partner joins the @OnwardTogether family, I'm reminded of how many people believe that, when we work together, we have the power to make our country better. This #GivingTuesday, help fund an entire generation of progressive organizations:	03.12.2019 7:31

18	No matter where we or our ancestors are from, millions of Americans will sit down together to break bread today. It's a wonderful reminder that our country is both a place and an idea—where anyone can find a home to breathe free. Happy Thanksgiving!	28.11.2019 5:33
19	Glad to see this important voice join the fight to end a heartbreakingly harmful practice: The American Medical Association has called for a nationwide ban on so-called "conversion therapy."	22.11.2019 9:28
20	The reports of crackdowns on protesters, overflowing hospitals, and internet blackouts in Iran are very disturbing. The situation calls for investigations and accountability.	22.11.2019 8:19
21	The question is not whether Trump has committed impeachable crimes. He has. The question is whether Republicans in Congress will affirm that an American president is not above the law.	22.11.2019 6:49
22	A reminder: None of these hearings would have happened if organizers, volunteers, and voters hadn't worked together to win back the House majority for Democrats last year. Let's keep working together in 2020 to hold power to account.	20.11.2019 12:07
23	Congratulations to Gov. @JohnBelForLa for winning a new term as governor of Louisiana—and to New Orleans and @mayorcantrell for voter access and mobilization that helped lead to the city's 90% vote share for Edwards! #geauxvote	18.11.2019 10:12

24	Louisiana, it's time to geaux vote! Your next governor could have the power to veto unfair congressional maps during redistricting next year—so be sure to make your voice heard. Find your polling place here:	16.11.2019 7:23
25	Witness intimidation is a crime, no matter who does it. Full stop.	15.11.2019 8:36
26	As we mourn another school shooting and yet more tragic, needless deaths, let's resolve to act. Brian is right. Donate to @SwingLeft's Senate Fund to win back the majority and put urgent gun safety legislation in place:	15.11.2019 9:37
27	Reproductive freedom requires access to affordable contraception, and it's under attack. If birth control has changed your life, take a moment today to say it out loud. #ThxBirthControl	13.11.2019 11:05
28	If you've looked at a problem that needs solving in your community and thought to yourself "Someone should really do something about that!" I've got some news for you: That someone could be you. #NationalRunForOfficeDay	12.11.2019 8:33
29	Bernard Tyson spent his career working to help more people get access to more affordable health care. It's a legacy to be proud of, and my thoughts are with his family, friends, and coworkers.	11.11.2019 13:06

30	Members of our armed forces sacrifice time with their families, their safety, and sometimes even their lives to serve their country. This Veterans Day, let's all take a moment to thank a friend, family member, or neighbor who's served for all they do. #VeteransDay #ACPthanks	11.11.2019 5:31
31	I'm endlessly impressed by the no-nonsense, hope-fueled, incredibly effective @IndivisibleTeam movement. (It's why we asked them to be an @OnwardTogether partner!) Now their most valuable principles and lessons are in a new book:	08.11.2019 7:41
32	.@Safiya_S_Khalid arrived in Lewiston, Maine as a refugee 10 years ago. This week, she became the first Somali-American to be elected to Lewiston's city council. Hers is just one of @OnwardTogether partner @RunforSomething's 72 election night wins:	07.11.2019 8:09
33	I also want to shout out @Hashmi4Va, the first Muslim woman elected to the VA State Senate. As she said yesterday, her victory "belongs to all of you who believed that we needed to make progressive change here in Virginia, for all of you who felt that you haven't had a voice."	06.11.2019 7:45
34	I'm so proud of @OnwardTogether partners & grantees like @ArenaSummit, @IndivisibleTeam, @RunForSomething, @SwingLeft, @VotoLatino, @EmergeAmerica, and more who recruited candidates, mobilized voters, and changed the map for Democrats. And I know you're just getting started.	06.11.2019 7:45
35	Congratulations to all the volunteers, organizers, and candidates who worked their hearts out, win and lose, in 2019. Let's celebrate the amazing wins, especially in Virginia (a new trifecta!), and let's keep building everywhere. Onward!	06.11.2019 7:45

36	On the climate crisis and on so many other fronts, the United States has abdicated its position as a country that leads the world toward a more hopeful future. Let's start changing that at the polls today—and a year from now in 2020.	05.11.2019 8:23
37	To clarify, Louisiana will vote for governor on November 16th due to a runoff. Get ready to geaux vote!	05.11.2019 8:04
38	Until Facebook takes responsibility for damaging democracies by letting propaganda run amok, we need to counter the Trump operation where it lives. Glad to see this effort from @davidplouffe and @pacronym.	05.11.2019 7:46
39	Today there are gubernatorial elections in Louisiana, Kentucky, & Mississippi, state legislative elections in New Jersey and Virginia, & hundreds of local races across the country. Their outcomes could give us fairer district maps and much more. Go vote!	05.11.2019 6:56
40	Leaders like @repjohnlewis, @doloreshuerta, & @barackobama got their start as organizers because they felt called to fight for change. If you feel the call, take a look at @orgcorps2020's paid trainings at http://organizingcorps2020.com to get the skills you need to help win in 2020.	04.11.2019 11:14
41	Next Tuesday's elections will determine whether Virginia gets fair congressional maps for the next decade. sIf you have a spare hour or two this weekend, you can help turn voters out from wherever you are:	01.11.2019 8:23

42	Recording the @SimonAudio audiobook with @ChelseaClinton for The Book of Gutsy Women was such a joy. Here's Chelsea reading part of her chapter about Mary McLeod Bethune, a woman who wanted to give black children a chance to get the education she believed all children deserve:	31.10.2019 11:21
43	Everywhere @ChelseaClinton and I go on The Book of Gutsy Women tour, people tell us about the incredible women in their own lives. Join in! Tell us about your own gutsy women before midnight tonight for the chance to win a free signed copy of the book:	31.10.2019 8:53
44	World Series champs should get statehood. #FinishTheFight	31.10.2019 8:32
45	Facebook's decision to allow false information in political advertisements is appalling. Voters are being confronted by millions of pieces of misinformation. A world where up is down and down is up is a world where democracy can't thrive.	30.10.2019 6:54
46	If you want a career in politics but aren't sure how to start, take a look at @TrainDems Staff Academy. Their mission is to train and help place future leaders on Democratic campaigns. Apply now to be part of their 2020 program: http://bit.ly/35Y0L3W #TrainDems	29.10.2019 9:13
47	A healthy democracy depends on fair maps. Next Tuesday, voters in Virginia, Mississippi, Kentucky, and other states will have their last chance to elect the state legislators and governors who can draw them in 2021. Find out what's on your ballot at http://vote.org .	29.10.2019 8:22

48	I had the great honor of serving alongside Kay Hagan. She was a vibrant, intelligent, and effective Senator, a lifelong champion of women, and a beloved daughter of North Carolina. We will miss her dearly.	28.10.2019 13:11
49	Good food, good books, and good people—all while you're getting a load of laundry done. There's no place like New Orleans, and there's no place like Melba's at Wash World. We loved dropping in to visit this @2SmallToFail success this weekend.	28.10.2019 10:05
50	Congressman Cummings had a simple philosophy: Do something. No matter how daunting a problem seems, no matter how helpless you feel, surely there is something you can do. Those are the words Elijah lived by, and the path he left for the rest of us to follow. God Bless him.	25.10.2019 11:22
51	Statues are powerful things. When we cast figures in bronze, we immortalize their contributions to history. It took far too long for Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton to join Central Park's 23 male statues, but I'm so glad we're finally here.	23.10.2019 12:55
52	It's becoming a challenge to keep up with the high crimes and misdemeanors.	10.10.2019 8:15
53	When I was a little girl, I wrote to NASA and told them I dreamed of being an astronaut. They wrote back and said they weren't taking girls. A new generation of little girls watched today's historic spacewalk. May their dreams of reaching the stars have no bounds.	18.10.2019 15:06

54	America lost a giant with the passing of Rep. Elijah Cummings, a man of principle who championed truth, justice and kindness. He fiercely loved his country and the people he served. Rest In Peace, my friend.	17.10.2019 6:03
55	This is a deliberate and ongoing effort to silence millions of Americans. Protecting the right to vote in America will be the single most important fight of our time.	16.10.2019 9:34
56	Earlier this year, Ryan Kyote used his allowance to help pay down his classmates' food service bills. He caught the attention of @GavinNewsom, who did this over the weekend. What a wonderful bright spot—would love to see more states follow su	14.10.2019 15:53
57	"There is just no space to be anything but optimistic even in this moment of horror and disappointment in our leaders because we've had leaders like Eleanor Roosevelt before and we will again." When your daughter says it better than you ever could. Chelsea, I'm so proud of you.	14.10.2019 13:13
58	.@dreambignv, one of @OnwardTogether's grantee organizations, is raising money to cover DACA renewal fees for eligible young people across Nevada. If you can, help make sure no DACA recipient has to choose between their family, future, or education:	11.10.2019 14:00
59	The administration's decision to pull out of the Open Skies Treaty in a unilateral way that is not coordinated with our allies risks undermining stability on a number of fronts:	11.10.2019 11:04

60	On this International Day of the Girl, I'm thinking about all the gutsy girls who are changing the world—@GretaThunberg, @Emma4Change, @NaomiWadler, and @Malala, just to name a few—and all those who will. #DayOfTheGirl #GutsyWomen	11.10.2019 8:02
61	I'm delighted to be talking foreign policy shortly with Dean @michael_s_barr of the @fordschool at @umich. You can tune in here at 3pm ET to watch our conversation live: http://fordschool.umich.edu/streaming/clinton/ … #fordschoolHRC	10.10.2019 11:54
62	If you'd like to work on a progressive campaign but don't know where to start, @ArenaSummit's December #ArenaAcademy is for you. An @OnwardTogether partner, Arena is training the next generation of campaign leaders. Apply before tomorrow's deadline: https://arena.run/academy	10.10.2019 9:51
63	Thank you to all the readers who helped put "The Book of Gutsy Women" at the top of the list! @ChelseaClinton and I are so thrilled to share these women's stories with you.	10.10.2019 7:44
64	If you've considered running for local office—or know someone who would be great—please take a look at this incredibly useful new tool from @RunForSomething. Plug in your address and it'll tell you every elected position you may be eligible to run for: https://www.wherecanirun.org/	09.10.2019 9:42
65	The Supreme Court has taken on its first abortion case of the Kavanaugh era—choosing to re-visit a law it struck down in 2016 in the Whole Women's Health case. If the Court defies its own precedent, Roe's protections will be rendered virtually meaningless.	09.10.2019 6:07

66	"She said, 'Do you want to sue Nazis with me? And I said, 'Absolutely.'" So inspired by the dream team of @amyspitalnick, @kaplanrobbie, & @karenleahdunn, who are taking on the structures of resurgent white supremacy with @IntegrityForUSA.	08.10.2019 10:17
67	Every American has the right to voice their support for democracy and human rights for Hong Kong. Full stop.	08.10.2019 8:55
68	Let us be clear: The president has sided with authoritarian leaders of Turkey and Russia over our loyal allies and America's own interests. His decision is a sickening betrayal both of the Kurds and his oath of office.	07.10.2019 5:57
69	Congratulations to everyone who helped achieve this! Registering voters and turning them out is how we'll overcome voter suppression and any foreign interference in our elections in 2020, and we all have to be clear about that.	03.10.2019 11:11
70	Because I have a life you can't make up: as a young lawyer I worked on the Watergate impeachment inquiry. One of my jobs was to sit alone in a windowless room and listen very carefully to tapes of President Nixon's phone calls. #tbt	03.10.2019 7:58
71	Pay attention to these voter purges—voter suppression tactics from Republican elected officials—and double-check your registration:	02.10.2019 13:06
72	It was such an honor and delight to kick off the tour for "Gutsy Women" with one of the gutsiest athletes and advocates for equality of all time. Thank you, @BillieJeanKing!	02.10.2019 7:13

73	If you could use some counterprogramming to nearly everything in the news right now, may I suggest a book about more than 100 inspiring and courageous women who have changed the country and the world for the better? #gutsywomen	30.09.2019 8:18
74	The president is a corrupt human tornado.	30.09.2019 7:36
75	I was so honored to present #HRCAwards to @mbachelet, @RosacrsJc, and Marta Velásquez at @GIWPS yesterday.

They are standing up to human rights abuses, shining a bright light on corruption, and taking on urgent challenges.

In times of tumult, they are a beacon of hope. | 28.09.2019 12:51 |
| 76 | A Mother of the Movement to prevent gun violence, @SybrinaFulton has already helped turn tragedy into action. Now she's running for office as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 1. If you can, contribute to help her win and make the change we need: | 27.09.2019 12:37 |
| 77 | Women's rights are human rights, and for 50 years @NARAL has taken on the toughest fights to protect our most fundamental freedoms. Happy anniversary. Let's keep going. | 26.09.2019 9:17 |
| 78 | "I have received information from multiple U.S. Government officials that the President is using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U.S. election."

Every American should read this whistleblower complaint. | 26.09.2019 8:14 |

79	The president of the United States has betrayed our country. That's not a political statement—it's a harsh reality, and we must act. He is a clear and present danger to the things that keep us strong and free. I support impeachment.	25.09.2019 7:15
80	No matter which issue you care about most—health care, education, climate change, or holding a lawless president to account, just for example—one of the most important things you can do today to further that cause is register a friend to vote. https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/register-to-vote/ … #VoteReady	24.09.2019 6:27
81	.@WhipClyburn and his wife Emily met in 1960 after being arrested at a civil rights protest. After hours in jail, Jim was hungry. A woman he'd never met came over with a burger and gave him half. That was Emily: Fierce advocate, generous soul, Jim's true partner. We'll miss her.	23.09.2019 7:26
82	New York: Join @ChelseaClinton and me at @KingsBklyn on October 1st for the launch of our new book, #GutsyWomen: Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience. We can't wait to share it with you.	23.09.2019 7:26
83	Where are you striking for climate action today? #FridaysForFuture https://fridaysforfuture.org	20.09.2019 8:31
84	Democracy can no longer be denied: Congress must make Washington, DC the 51st state. Hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians deserve the same representation as every other citizen. #DCStatehood	19.09.2019 13:26

85	.@GretaThunberg—one of my favorite gutsy women—will help lead global climate strikes that start tomorrow. "I want you to act as if our house is on fire," she has said. "Because it is." Join a strike near you: https://globalclimatestrike.net/	19.09.2019 8:54
86	We can't make progress if the will of the people isn't represented at the voting booth. Join us for today's In Defense of Democracy event, where you'll hear from @rweingarten, @andrewgillum, @ronwyden, and more—with a keynote from me at 9:30am ET.	17.09.2019 5:58
87	.@Schwarzenegger is right: Nearly 60 million Americans live under the rule of a party that didn't win the majority of their votes. And we need to fix it.	16.09.2019 10:36
88	This is a big deal: at a time Americans already have reason to be concerned about access to clean drinking water, the president is reportedly planning to repeal major protections preventing lakes and streams from being contaminated by pollutants.	12.09.2019 7:20
89	As we celebrate Grandparents Day, I am so pleased to announce "Grandma's Gardens," a new picture book Chelsea and I have co-authored together. It's a multi-generational story inspired by my mother, Dorothy, and I can't wait to share it with you.	08.09.2019 7:16
90	As @caitmosc writes in "See Jane Win," the majority of 2018's Democratic wave was "more than 3,500 female candidates running for state legislative seats—a 28% increase" from 2016. Let's help even more Democratic women flip state leg seats in 2020.	06.09.2019 13:33

91	This is an important story about Marjorie, a home health aide in Ohio who does crucial care-taking work for dismal wages. She's one of millions of professionals around the country who deserve better conditions—and @DomesticWorkers is leading the charge.	04.09.2019 12:18
92	If you appreciate 40-hour work weeks, safe working conditions, higher wages, weekends, and a day off today—thank the labor movement. #LaborDay	02.09.2019 7:00
93	Republican officials across the country have used gerrymandering to choose their voters rather than letting voters choose their representatives. Join @DemRedistrict, an @OnwardTogether grantee, to end map manipulation:	28.08.2019 9:57
94	The passage of the 19th Amendment was just the first step on the road to ensure all American women can exercise their right to vote. On #WomensEqualityDay, let's celebrate how far we've come and resolve to keep marching. #EqualityCantWait	26.08.2019 11:37
95	Meet 55 amazing candidates @runforsomething has endorsed this month, including an activist who helped remove Confederate statues in Memphis and a lifelong education advocate:	26.08.2019 10:30
96	We should not nuke hurricanes.	26.08.2019 7:33
97	In the last 24 hours, the administration has announced: - They will seek the power to detain migrant children indefinitely - They won't provide flu shots to families in detention	21.08.2019 11:44

	Six children have already died, three in part from the flu. This is a recipe for more tragedy.	
98	The debunked study you're referring to was based on 21 undecided voters. For context that's about half the number of people associated with your campaign who have been indicted.	19.08.2019 12:27
99	Asked why she persisted in the fight for women's suffrage, ratified August 18, 1920, Alice Paul said: "When you put your hand to the plow, you can't put it down until you get to the end of the row." With thanks to our forebears for all they've fought for, the work continues.	18.08.2019 7:15
100	Russia's interference in our elections will continue to threaten our democracy until Republicans join Democrats to stop it. @MichaelBennet's new book shines a spotlight on this critical issue. Maybe we can all send a copy to @senatemajldr?	14.08.2019 9:23