100 Most Buzz-Worthy US Political Players of 2018

And What We Think of Them

Liberal View >> Conservative View >> Agnostic View

Donald Trump

45th POTUS Incompetent Egotistical Bigoted Unapologetic Unflappable Deal-making Grandiose Bombastic Demanding

Melania Trump First Lady to Donald Trump Cold Unhappy Complicit

Reserved Beautiful Strong Private Elegant Fashionable

Barack Obama 44th POTUS Intelligent Well-spoken Inspiring Inexperienced Arrogant Misguided Considerate Charismatic Even-tempered

Michelle Obama Former First Lady (to Obama) Strong Classy Intelligent Strong Powerful Bossy Assertive Classy Relatable

George W. Bush 43rd POTUS Inept Dishonest Smarmy Cowboy Strong Consistent Honorable Respectful Charismatic Happy-go-lucky

Laura Bush Former First Lady to (W. Bush) Kind Bookish Dowdy Likeable Warm Humble

Uncontroversial Apolitical Modest

Bill Clinton 42nd POTUS Capable Confidant Caring Handsome Unfaithful Lying Charismatic Slick Charismatic Smooth Friendly Rooster

Hillary Clinton 67th Secretary of State (for Obama)

Experienced Determined Composed Untrustworthy Venal Power-Hungry Experienced Ambitious Duplicitous

Mike Pence

Vice President to Donald Trump Sycophantic Cruel Scary Homophobic Righteous Ambitious Astute Devoted Ambitious Competent Cold Religious

Brett Kavanaugh

Supreme Court Justice (2018-Present) Partisan Misogynistic Privileged Drunkard Non-partisan Honorable Resilient Experienced Judicious Well-meaning

Clarence Thomas Supreme Court Justice (1991-Present) Hypocritical Provocative Inappropriate Intelligent Anti-elitist Respectable Ambitious Thoughtful Steadfast

John Roberts Supreme Court Justice (2005-Present) Partisan Smart Powerful Stickler Brilliant Orderly Composed Fair Intelligent Powerful Orderly Stickler

Neil Gorsuch Supreme Court Justice (2017-Present) Partisan Callous Unintelligent Suspicious Honest Fair Intelligent Upstanding Young Likeable Even-tempered

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Supreme Court Justice (1993-Present) Warm Challenging Funny Tough Partisan Old Outspoken Hardworking Intelligent Caring Dedicated

Robert Mueller

DOJ Special Counsel (2017-Present) Scrutinizing Experienced Reserved Scrutinizing Experienced Reserved Scrutinizing Experienced Reserved

Michael Flynn National Security Advisor (2017-2017) Criminal Lying Arrogant Flippant Outspoken Honorable Disappointing Outspoken Headstrong Careless Suspicious

James Comey Former FBI Director (2013-2017) Congenial Principled Respectable Unhelpful Congenial Egotistical Self-defeating Bitter Congenial Sensitive Vain

Paul Manafort 2016 Campaign Chairman (for Trump) Criminal Dirty Slimy Greedy Enterprising Business-minded Risk-taker Experienced Resourceful Greedy Careless Huma Abedin 2016 Campaign Vice Chair (for H. Clinton) Elegant Poised Loyal Strong Abetting Enabling Loyal Robotic Composed Loyal Unflappable Supportive

Al Franken

Former MN Senator (2009-2018) Jovial Comical Genial Sacrificial Crude Tormenting Weak Absurd Comical Wry Affable Well-intentioned

Bernie Sanders VT Senator (2007-Present) Inclusive Unpretentious Earthy Socialist Lazy Delusional Rambling Idealist Unrealistic Loud Old

Beto O'Rourke US Rep for TX (2013-Present) Earnest Good-looking Kennedy-like Who? Wide-eyed Naïve Out-of-place Raw Refreshing Youthful Civil

Ted Cruz

TX Senator (2013-Present) Creepy Slimy Off-putting Lying Talented Cunning Combative Smug Shrewd Tactful Intelligent Distorting

Chuck Schumer NY Senator (1998-Present) Out-of-touch Placatory Mild Weak Dishonest Dramatic Grandstanding Professional Hard-working Outnumbered

Cory Booker NJ Senator (2013-Present) Bold Defiant Go-getter Energized Egotistical Showboat Phony Theatrical Ambitious Self-interested Charged

Dianne Feinstein CA Senator (1992-Present) Mixed-reviews Champion...now out of touch Corrupt Deceitful Disingenuous Misguided Experienced Old Caring

Dick Durbin IL Senator (1997-Present) Hard-hitting Motivational Thoughtful Dishonest Self-righteous Matter-of-fact Poised Assertive Composed Spirited

Elizabeth Warren MA Senator (2013-Present) Hardworking Ambitious Passionate Deceitful Goodie-two-shoes Pocahontas Diligent Detail-oriented Ambitious White

Al Sharpton

Former WH Advisor (to Obama) Influential Passionate Audacious Radical Divisive Racist Provocative Opportunistic Polarizing

Anderson Cooper

CNN News Anchor Strong Truth-seeking Assertive Attractive Disingenuous Stern Intelligent Attractive Intelligent Inquisitive Entertaining

Ann Coulter

Author, Political Commentator Hate-monger Heartless Depraved Strong Domineering Pugnacious Entertaining Dishonest Rabble-Rouser

Ben Shapiro Podcast Host

Dorky Small Hurtful Transphobic Intelligent Hard-Hitting Unflinching Unapologetic Smart Smug Shrill

Bill Maher

HBO Talk Show Host Pompous Tough Courageous Real Pompous Condescending Opportunistic Lecturing Matter-of-fact Dry Entertaining

Bill O'Reilly

Former Fox News Anchor Blowhard Narcistic Misogynistic Strong Dominating Bold Entertaining Gripping Arrogant Pandering

Cenk Uygur

The Young Turks News Anchor & Creator Confidant Caring Handsome Lying Charismatic Slick Crass Charismatic Smooth Friendly Casual

Chris Cuomo

CNN News Anchor Tough Genuine Handsome Combative Grandstanding Pandering Abrasive Commanding Manly Entertaining

Don Lemon

CNN News Anchor Professional Passionate Strong Virtuous Disingenuous Hysterical Humorless Acting Professional Assertive Resolute

Jake Tapper

CNN News Anchor Professional Upstanding Truth-seeking Professional Intelligent Snide Pandering Professional Intelligent Even-tempered

John Oliver HBO Talk Show Host Hilarious Witty Talented

Hilarious Witty Talented Entertaining Satirical Nerdy Childish Foul-mouthed Funny Witty Boyish Entertaining

Mark Levin Radio Show Host Who?

Motivating Knowledgeable Angry Hardworking Experienced Entertaining **Michael Moore** Documentary Director Provocative Funny Unattractive Incoherent Distorting Fat Disgusting Provocative Entertaining Base

Joe Biden

Former Vice President (to Obama) Honest Charismatic Loving Incompetent Lying Pandering Charismatic Caring Enthusiastic

John Kerry 68th Secretary of State (for Obama) Heroic Honest Caring Civil Pompous Snotty Feminine Inconsistent Stately Heroic Aristocratic Long-winded

Rex Tillerson 69th Secretary of State (for Trump) Mature Serious Undermined Diplomatic No-nonsense Undermined Gritty Business-minded Straight-talking

Mike Pompeo

70th Secretary of State (for Trump) Pompous Misguided Quick-tempered Loyal Assertive Strong Steady Loyal Strong Experienced Firm

Al Gore

Former Vice President (to Clinton) Passionate Cerebral Environmentalist Phony Deceptive Fear-mongering Enterprising Active Hyperbolic

Matthew Whitaker Acting Attorney General (for Trump) Unqualified Corrupt Zany Crackpot Loyal Rough-and-tumble Scrutinized Inexperienced Spunky Opportunistic

Jeff Sessions 84th Attorney General (for Trump) Cruel Dumb Southern Backwards Loyal Tough Stalwart Experienced Loyal Sincere Tough Enduring

Loretta Lynch 83rd Attorney General (for Obama) Strong Proud No-nonsense Criminal Skilled Enabling Brazen Skilled Hardworking No-nonsense

Sally Yates

Former Deputy AG (for Obama) Respectable Sharp Unflappable Insubordinate Resolute Tough Poised Knowledgeable Committed

Ben Carson

Secretary of HUD (for Trump) Touched Gifted Nutty Sleepy Resilient Uplifting Intelligent Persevering Talented Languid

Betsy Devos

Secretary of Education (for Trump) Rich Unqualified Ill-prepared Illustrious Upbeat Philanthropic Billionaire Deregulatory Reform-minded Kellyanne Conway Counselor to POTUS Loyal Tireless Conniving Scary Upbeat Strong Unnerving Supportive Loyal Supportive Cheerful Distorting

Tom Perez DNC Chairman (2017-Present) Conscientious Caring Fair Decent Pandering Base Caring Misinformed Fervent Disingenuous Caring Misguided

Rudy Giuliani Attorney to POTUS Enabling Offensive Angry Misguided Hardworking Supportive Tough Likeable Hardworking Tough Opportunistic

Ivanka Trump First Daughter & Advisor to POTUS Privileged Powerful Complicit Uppity Intelligent Supportive Diplomatic Beautiful Composed Diplomatic Quick-to-smile

Jared Kushner Son-in-law & Adviser to POTUS Privileged Elitist Villainous Unqualified Intelligent Strategic Dapper Inexperienced Well-groomed Strategic Inexperienced

Nikki Haley 29th US Ambassador to United Nations Clueless Hard-lining Enabling Caring Sharp Assertive Charismatic Witty Diplomatic Tough Assertive Likable

Sarah Sanders

29th White House Press Secretary Enabling Complicit Miserable Lying Bright Competent Likeable Admirable Professional Talented Patient Monotone

Scott Pruitt

Former EPA Administrator (2017-2018) Scary Sneaky Dishonest Dangerous Bull-Headed Stickler Scrutinized Controversial Bull-Headed Well-intentioned

James Mattis

26th Secretary of Defense Professional Old-school Hawkish Professional Intimidating Revered Professional Courteous Serious Hawkish

Steven Mnuchin

Secretary of Treasury (2017-Present) Privileged Calculating Profit-seeking Privileged Business-minded Balanced Privileged Business-savvy Enigmatic

Joe Kennedy III US Rep for MA (2013-Present) Smooth Articulate Charismatic Unifying Insincere Fake Pandering Whining Youthful Charismatic Poised Privileged

Jeff Flake

AZ Senator (2012-Present) Weak Impressionable Intrepid Caring Weak Flakey Bitter Distraught Sincere Inconsistent Impressionable

John McCain Former AZ Senator (1987-2018) Honorable Honest Fighter Maverick Honorable Courageous Compassionate Honorable Maverick Devoted Genuine

Kamala Harris CA Senator (2017-Present) Tenacious Hard-working Passionate Slanderous Unethical Victim-mentality Ambitious Spirited Hard-hitting Harsh

Kirsten Gillibrand NY Senator (2009-Present) Ambitious Self-serving Malleable Pandering Blow-hard Fake Dishonest Ambitious Brash Impressionable

Lindsey Graham SC Senator (2003-Present) Disingenuous Loudmouthed Effeminate Verbal Genuine Strategic Discerning Experienced Cavalier Strategic Tactful

Marco Rubio FL Senator (2011-Present) Vacuous Ignorant Self-interested Lacking Affable Serious Ambitious Lacking Ambitious Handsome Likeable Traditional

Mitch McConnell KY Senator (1984-Present) Opportunistic Conniving Shameless Petty Tenacious Vigorous Persevering Experienced Strategic Wily Hardworking

Rand Paul KY Senator (2011-Present) Wacky Fun Unconventional Interesting Unconventional Entertaining Interesting Fun Witty Energetic Quirky Interesting

Stormy Daniels Adult Entertainer Brave Empowering Opportunistic

Shameless Pawn Horse-faced Attractive Wily Glorified

Christine Blasey Ford Psychology Professor Brave Strong Warrior Truthful Lying Pathetic Confused Misremembering Controversial Victimized Anxious Fragile **Bobby Jindal** Former LA Governor (2008-2016) Sell-out Lost Marginalizing Inauthentic Bright Strategic Hardworking Ambitious Accomplished Intelligent Optimistic

Commanding Combative Straight-talking

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Dumb Inexperienced Spirited Emboldened

Dogmatic Youthful Aggressive Controversial

US Rep for NY (2018-Present)

MN Attorney General Elect

Maxine Waters

Nancy Pelosi

Newt Gingrich

Paul Ryan

Steve Scalise

US Rep for CA

Experienced Earnest Attacked

Experienced Well-tempered Earnest

Passionate Bleeding-Heart Unpolished

House Minority Leader (2011-Present)

Old Vicious Sympathizing Irrational

Ambitious Experienced Effective

Strong Caring Fearless Increasingly-Unpopular

Former Speaker of the House (1995-1999)

Competitive Pro-active Deliberate Aggressive

Vicious Cut-throat Self-righteous Cold

Tough Competitive Strategic Cunning

Speaker of the House (2015-Present)

Strong Dominating Bold Entertaining

Blowhard Narcistic Misogynistic

Gripping Arrogant Pandering

US Rep for LA (2008-Present)

Strong Good-natured Respectable

Strong Gritty Determined Faithful

Former US Rep for NY (1999-2011)

Indecent Despicable Lying Disgraceful

Lascivious Lewd Unsuitable Disappointing

Promising Grateful Respectable

Idiotic Depraved Sick Unworthy

Former NJ Governor (2010-2018)

Stubborn Brash Indelicate Boorish

Dishonest Weak Bully Ruthless

Anthony Weiner

Chris Christie

Brazen Compassionate Entertaining

Incompetent Unhinged Crazy Dangerous

Keith Ellison

Who?

Spirited Raw Aggressive Inspiring

Gary Johnson Former NM Governor (1995-2003) Idiotic Uninformed Caring Pot-friendly Pothead Uninformed Phony Liberal Alternative Creative Caring

John Kasich OH Governor (2010-Present) Disingenuous Folksy Less-evil-than-Trump Sassy Emotional Trump-obsessed Long-winded Emotional Youthful Pragmatic Folksy

Mitt Romney UT Senator Elect Pampered Out-of-touch Robotic Mormon Resolute Wholesome Respectable Handsome Composed Good-natured Likeable Religious

Bill de Blasio NYC Mayor (2014-Present) Well-intentioned Ineffective Flat Lackluster Brainless Flat Sensitive Lurchy Unsensational Sensitive Tall Manhattanite

Michael Bloomberg Former NYC Mayor (2002-2013) Rich Condescending Blunt Peevish Successful Charitable Rough Matter-of-fact Successful Philanthropic Critical Blunt

Rahm Emanuel Chicago Mayor (2011-Present) Unimpressive Charismatic Controversial Ineffective Elitist Self-centered Ambitious Hardworking Well-intentioned Controversial

Dinesh D'Souza Podcast Host Criminal Pestering Propagandist Idiotic Provocative Defiant Unpolished Provocative Entertaining Reckless

Candance Owens Fox News Contributor Sunken Nutty Idiotic Opportunistic Free-thinking Courageous Unpolished Young Unpolished Charged Business-minded

Jordan Peterson Psychology Professor Threatening Offensive Combative Prejudice Apolitical Pragmatic Stirring Sensible Blunt Commonsensical Steadfast Serious

Kanye West Artist

Talented Egotistical Unstable Jackass Talented Arrogant Free-thinking Jackass Creative Genius Entertaining Unapologetic Milo Yiannopoulos Political Commentator Provocative Hateful Self-loathing Provocative Free-thinking Annoying Argumentative Annoying Rambling

Pod Save America Crooked Media Podcast Youthful Fresh Entertaining Anti-Trump Petty Angry Bitter Anti-Trump Young Energized Informative Anti-Trump

Steve Bannon Former WH Chief Strategist (to Trump) Dangerous Enabling Bigoted Influential Business-minded Energetic Mastermind Prejudged Disrupting Intelligent

Steven Crowder Podcast Host Goonish Bullying Immature Bigoted Satirical Goofy Immature Annoying Young Comedic Opportunistic Immature

Tomi Lahren Fox News Contributor Scary Naïve Racist Marginalizing Assertive Provocative Young Unpolished Young Productive Entertaining Brash

Trevor Noah Comedy Central Talk Show Host Intelligent Thoughtful Funny Young Unamusing Conceited Quizzical Young Charming Intelligent

Tucker Carlson Fox News Anchor Dishonest Privileged Waspy Smug Intelligent Light-hearted Confident Entertaining Talented Convivial Witty

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