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Muppet Guide to the Presidential Election

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Being an adult is hard work. The long hours at the office. The kids always seeming to be tired and complaining. Not to mention tax season. With so much going on in your daily lives, who has the time to pay attention to politics? This is why the uncorrupted minds of Alicia Katz and Amber Born have joined forces to simplify the 2016 Democratic and Republican candidate pool, Muppet style.

Let's start in Vermont, with the Larry David impersonator Bernie Sanders. Sanders, much like One Direction, has captured the hearts of millennials everywhere. But enough about politics, let's go straight to the Muppets. We (i.e. Amber) all remember The Electric Mayhem. The rock band with the coolest drummer on the block, Animal, aka Bernie Sanders. From the burning enthusiasm to the questionable hair, both Bernie and Animal have wild sides.

There is nothing quite as universal as the Muppets. Hillary Clinton also tries very hard to appear universal, which is why her Muppet equivalent is the entire franchise. Much like the Muppets have changed over the years, Hillary has changed target demographics while still maintaining a loyal fanbase.

"Both Clinton and the Muppets have been plagued by scandals: Hillary's emails and Miss Piggy's Bacongate."

You know that guy Kasich? Yeah, neither do we. That's why we have declared him to be Walter, the most recent addition to the Muppets and also a name we had to Google. We literally do not know what to say about either of them, so it seemed like a good fit.

Dr. Ben Carson officially dropped out of the presidential race last week, which was news to everyone who thought he had dropped out months ago. It seems almost silly not to compare the real-life doctor with no eyes to the Muppet doctor with no eyes, Dr. Honeydew. Honeydew is famous for his dangerous experiments, and Carson is also known for his more life-threatening moments, notably when he tried to stab someone.

Marco Rubio quickly realized that being a rational person was not the way to get ahead in this race. Recently, Rubio has decided to launch humorously offensive attacks against Trump, leaving Trump... Trumpified. Rubio's recent transformation into a terrible comedian is the reason that we have determined him to be Fozzie Bear.

America. What are the two things that come to mind? Sam the Eagle and Ted Cruz, of course. Both are frighteningly patriotic and just plain frightening.

Speaking of frightening: Donald Trump. Controversy after controversy has left his name ringing in our ears. What more can be said about the man who's already said everything you can say without using logic? But which Muppet encapsulates his demeanor, his soul, his voice? Well, none other than Donald Grump, who famously appeared on Sesame Street alongside Oscar the Grouch. So we don't need to assign Donald Trump a Muppet, because he is one already.

Hopefully this guide will help you navigate your way through this messy election season. And if it doesn't, move somewhere more stable, like Greece.

Apple vs. the FBI

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Reporter

As we all know, the presidential debates have been grabbing the attention of almost everyone interested in the future of our country. Besides all the entertaining banter coming from popular candidates, such as Donald Trump and Marco Rubio, that is surrounding us on social media, one of the main reasons to listen to these debates is to hear the opinions of the candidates on important issues such as their economic plans and national security. Unfortunately, there has been a growing concern from the people who fear for our safety with terrorist groups, such as ISIS, becoming a bigger threat every day. A recent issue conflicting with the safety of our country and the privacy of our lives has been making headlines in the news for many weeks now. The terrorist attack in San Bernardino, which took place back on December 2, 2015, has sparked a conflict between one of the largest companies in the world, Apple, and the FBI.

In brief terms, the FBI believed that by resetting the iCloud password for the phone of one of the attackers, Syed Rizwan Farook, they would be able to obtain valuable information regarding any future attacks and the people involved. Unexpectedly, this plan backfired and locked them out completely. Now, the FBI needs Apple to grant them a "backdoor" into the phone, giving them access to this important information. According to FBI officials this information could include where the two attackers fled and with whom they came into contact with. Representative Jason Chaffetz, said, "The big question for our country is how much privacy are we going to give up in the name of security." With the two sides arguing against one another, there is a major dispute to be settled on which side will win in court.

Both Republicans and Democrats have recognized the mistake made on the side of the FBI. According to Representative Jerrold Nadler, "If the F.B.I. hadn't instructed San Bernardino County to change the password to the iCloud account, all this would have been unnecessary, and you would have had that information." There has also been criticism from the Republican front runner, Donald Trump, who requested a boycott on Apple until they willingly helped the FBI maintain access to the phone. This boycott was called when the CEO of Apple, Tim Cook, resisted the order of a court judge to "build a backdoor to the iPhone" that could be used to access other users' phones, not just Farook's device. With this conflict on the rise, Manhattan prosecutors said that New York police and other prosecutors have been unable to gain access to over 175 Apple devices. In the following weeks we will see which side comes out "victorious" and whether national security oversees the privacy of our lives or vice versa.

I Lived a Dream

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Reporter

Have you ever had a dream of something you've wanted to do and then gotten to live that dream? This summer I had an incredible experience that fulfilled one of my dreams. When I say dream I'm not talking about the kind of dream you have while asleep. During the summer my parents sent me away for six weeks to camp. This wasn't just any camp though. I would get to go out into the wilderness to canoe, hike, fish, cookout, pitch tents, gather firewood, and take part in other survival activities. I would also get to stay in camp and play games, swim, and participate in contests.

The camp is called Camp Voyageur. It is located in the North Woods Of Minnesota on the border of the BWCA (Boundary Waters Canoe Area). Here nature is pristine and the fish are plentiful. The northern lights give a light show like nothing else I had ever seen before. The camp was started in the early 1950's. Kids sleep in cabins where bug screens replace windows, the floors and walls are uninsulated, and you can see the rafters and studs (don't worry, the electrical wires to the light bulb are housed in metal tubes so they are inaccessible). Today, many kids go to camp and sleep in cabins that are insulated, have running water and bathrooms, and every amenity they could possibly need. Here, you wrap yourself in a warm sleeping bag and feel the cool lake breeze.

At camp, sports are the most common activity. Ultimate frisbee, soccer, and football (two hand touch only) are very popular. I learned how to properly shoot a bow and how to play croquet. Bocce ball and wiffle ball are also available. Since the water is always cool and refreshing, swimming is also very appealing. You can also paddleboard, windsurf, kayak, canoe, tube, water ski, wakeboard, kneeboard and fish. One major contest of the summer is when everyone works with their cabin to build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape and test them for speed, flotation, and durability in front of the "admiral."

A camper spends about one week in camp and one week on the trail alternating between the two. Trips on the trail could take you into the Boundary Waters, Quetico Provincial Park, the Superior Hiking Trail, Isle Royale, Apostle Islands, or even go out to Glacier National Park. You will never be in a group of more than nine people while on the trail. You can sleep in the tent or pack your camping hammock and sleep out between two trees, letting the wind gently swing you back and forth.

A typical day on the trail starts between 7:30 and 8 a.m., depending on how early you want to get up and how far you want to travel. On hiking trips, groups sometimes want to get up around 2:30 or 3 a.m. and hike for a little bit under the moon using flashlights to avoid tripping. Then you stop, eat breakfast, take a nap, and have an easy day of hiking, stopping early to set up camp. At campsites, campers play cards, read books, and learn survival skills, such as how to properly use their knife, if they brought one, to carve wood and use it to help make life easier on the trail. All counselors are trained in CPR and wilderness first aid if something happens so it can be taken care of.

Being on the trail brings a sense of peace and personal happiness as you become one with nature. As you overcome long or difficult portages (hikes between lakes with all of your gear) you feel pride as you make it from lake to lake. Some groups will even see moose or deer, or hear the beautiful call of the loon. There's nothing in this world like seeing the beauty of the natural world.

Zayn Malik: Sometimes 1 is Better than 5

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Last March, Zayn Malik sent teen and preteen girls around the globe into frenzy when he announced that he would be resigning from British boy band, One Direction. Now, about a year later, the 23-year-old musician is finally releasing new music and, so far, it is promising to be well worth the wait. Two singles, "Pillowtalk" and "iT's YoU" have been released off his new album *Mind of Mine*, which is expected to be released on March 25th and is currently available for preorder.

Both "Pillow Talk" and "iT's YoU" show off a side of Malik's voice that wasn't displayed in his One Direction days. His sound is both smooth and hauntingly beautiful in the ballad "iT's YoU." In the catchy and up-tempo "Pillowtalk," Malik showcases the power and range in his voice. "Pillowtalk" has already soared in popularity, reaching the ninth spot on the iTunes Top Singles Chart. If these two released singles are any indication of how the rest of the album will sound, *Mind of Mine* will be an absolute treat for listeners.

In the process of going solo, Zayn Malik has altered and developed himself as an artist. In his reinvention, Malik has made some key changes to his public identity. First of all, he has followed the lead of other artists, such as Rihanna, Shakira, and Zendaya, in that he has dropped his last name and now markets himself as just "Zayn." Aside from the name adjustment, Malik has been able to experiment with themes and lyrics more mature than the one's typically written for One Direction's young fan base. Additionally, Malik's lyrics feel significantly more genuine than the often-formulaic lyrics of the British boy band, which never seemed to be about anyone who actually existed. It appears that now Malik is telling his own stories and sharing his personal experiences rather than singing words that were written just so that young girls would buy albums.

Overall, despite the backlash and disappointment from thousands of One Direction fans last year, becoming a solo artist was a crucial turning point for Malik and was the best decision he could have made. Now, Zayn Malik can express himself and demonstrate his talents in a way he never could when he was tied to a band. They say that 2 is better than 1, but sometimes 1 is better than 5.

It's your last chance to see the Senior Show tonight at 7 PM at Marblehead High School! Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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