

KAMALA'S CAMPAIGN PUSHES TRUMP'S IMPULSE CONTROL PROBLEMS

I don't think that even the outlets that recognize the troll are giving the Kamala Harris campaign enough credit for the jujitsu they're engaged in with the debate. Before I explain why, though, here's a video of Barack Obama's skewering of Donald Trump at the White House Correspondents' Dinner in 2011. It provides a useful reminder of the kinds of things that scar a racist narcissist like Trump.

The jujitsu on the debate started with Trump whining, two nights ago, about ABC as an excuse to get out of the debate again.



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I watched ABC FAKE NEWS this morning, both lightweight reporter Jonathan Carl's(K?) ridiculous and biased interview of Tom Cotton (who was fantastic!), and their so-called Panel of Trump Haters, and I ask, why would I do the Debate against Kamala Harris on that network? Will panelist Donna Brazil give the questions to the Marxist Candidate like she did for Crooked Hillary Clinton? Will Kamala's best friend, who heads up ABC, do likewise. Where is Liddle' George Slopodopolus hanging out now? Will he be involved. They've got a lot of questions to answer!!! Why did Harris turn down Fox, NBC, CBS, and even CNN? Stay tuned!!!

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Early the next morning, Politico was the first to report an actual substantive dispute about the debate: whether the candidates' mics would be on between questions or not. In the story, Jason Miller got an unsurprising dig suggesting that, Kamala "isn't smart enough to repeat the messaging points her handlers want her to memorize."

But before that in the story, this Brian Fallon quote appeared.

"We have told ABC and other networks seeking to host a possible October

debate that we believe both candidates' mics should be live throughout the full broadcast," Brian Fallon, the Harris campaign's senior adviser for communications, tells POLITICO. "Our understanding is that Trump's handlers prefer the muted microphone because they don't think their candidate can act presidential for 90 minutes on his own. We suspect Trump's team has not even told their boss about this dispute because it would be too embarrassing to admit they don't think he can handle himself against Vice President Harris without the benefit of a mute button."

It was followed by this unattributed quote, digging into Trump's self-control issues even further.

"She's more than happy to have exchanges with him if he tries to interrupt her," one person familiar with the negotiations tells Playbook. "And given how shook he seems by her, he's very prone to having intemperate outbursts and ... I think the campaign would want viewers to hear [that]."

Remember that unattributed quotes often come from people who are otherwise quoted in a piece. Remember, too, that Brian Fallon was Hillary's spokesperson in 2016.

Fallon has a long history of dealing with Donald Trump.

Fallon's suggestion that Trump has no impulse control was bound to elicit the only kind of response that horserace campaign journalists can muster: a badgering question to the candidate about a dig the opponent made. And sure enough it did. At a campaign stop, someone asked him about it, and Trump said that, "We agreed to the same rules – I don't know. It doesn't matter to me. I'd rather have it probably on, but the

agreement was that it would be the same.”

Having elicited a question that got Trump to admit he would prefer to have a live mic, Fallon immediately declared victory.

 **Brian Fallon** ✓
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Trump said unmuting the mics “doesn’t matter to me.” Always suspected it was something his staff wanted, not him personally.

With this resolved, everything is now set for Sept 10th.

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.@jake_traylor: "Would you want the microphones muted in the debate whenever you're not speaking?"

Donald Trump: "We agreed to the same rules. I don't know, doesn't matter to me. ... The agreement was that it would be the same as it was last time. In tha...
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Then, someone in charge of Trump’s Truth Social account has released content that conflicts with what Trump said publicly, when none of his handlers could prevent it.

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When is Comrade Kamala Harris going to start answering questions? She’s a Radical Left, No Fracking Marxist, and the Public needs to know what she stands for, which is POVERTY AND FAILURE FOR AMERICA! Kamala refuses to do Interviews, because she has NO CONFIDENCE in her own level of “Intelligence,” and now wants to change the Rules of the Debate on ABC Fake News!

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If Trump would prefer a hot mic, then why is Trump’s curated Truth Social account complaining that Harris would prefer that too? Fallon has now created the appearance that Trump’s handlers like Jason Miller believe Trump can’t avoid some kind of meltdown during the debate.

Has Trump been using the N-word behind closed doors to refer to Kamala, or only "bitch"?

Then Kamala's campaign released a video showing clips showing Trump questioning whether he should debate, with chicken noises in the background.

Whatever happens with the scheduled debate now, Fallon has imposed a cost on Trump's equivocations, making it more likely he'll have the meltdown he and his handlers are trying to stave off.

It is absolutely true that Kamala is trying to change the terms of the agreement, even as Trump gets cold feet about participating at all. But this arises, I think, out of the dynamic that has made it so hard for Trump to face Kamala in the first place. He can't suppress his bigotry, but if he doesn't, he'll risk losing to a Black woman. A smart, beautiful Black woman.

There's a Beltway story that that moment in 2011, when the first Black president used Donald Trump's racist birther campaign to humiliate the reality TV star in front of the entire press corps, was the moment Trump decided he needed to be President. Whether or not that's true, it's fairly clear that kind of public humiliation by a Black person triggers Trump in a way other things might not. Trump's narcissism requires him to maintain the appearance of superiority over everyone else; his racism makes it even more important that that perceived superiority extends to Black people.

And even if the WHCP did convince Trump to run, after considering it, he didn't run in 2012, when he would have faced Obama. Donald Trump chose not to risk losing to Obama.

Now, because of a decision Joe Biden made, Donald Trump has lost the ability to choose whether he wants to face someone like Kamala Harris. And he's stuck: The thing his MAGAs like about him is his spontaneous riffs, many of which rely on the humiliation of others. But if he calls the Vice President the N-word or bitch

publicly, it'll further sink him in the polls.

At least from the moment that Kamala started to put on campaign events that Trump would love to pull off, the campaign has been damaging Trump's ego. Undoubtedly Michelle and Barack Obama (among others) made that worse at the DNC. And all that makes some outburst that could doom his campaign more likely.