

# The Policy Detective

**What does  
“Presidential  
character”  
mean???**



**And how does  
Donald Trump  
stack up???**





# What does “Presidential character” really mean?

- Pundits, historians and commentators often talk about the importance of “Presidential character,” but they rarely define it.
- This leaves the public with a feeling of vague confusion.
- Here we will develop three measures of “Presidential character”:

- ❖ **The Boy Scout Law**
- ❖ **The Catholic Church’s dicta**
- ❖ **Dwight D. Eisenhower’s analysis.**



....note that any of these measures should be acceptable even to conservatives.



As a Cub Scout, Boy Scout & Sea Scout, I swore an oath to obey the Boy Scout Law - to be:

- ❖ Trustworthy
- ❖ Loyal
- ❖ Helpful
- ❖ Friendly
- ❖ Courteous
- ❖ Kind



- ❖ Obedient
- ❖ Cheerful
- ❖ Thrifty
- ❖ Brave
- ❖ Clean
- ❖ Reverent



## How would Trump be rated on the Boy Scout Law?



- ❖ Trustworthy: lied over 20,000 times
- ❖ Loyal: betrayed the Kurds, one of our best allies
- ❖ Helpful: passed tax cuts to help only the rich
- ❖ Friendly: calls women “nasty,” “slobs,” and “bimbos”
- ❖ Courteous: boasts about “grabbing women by their pussies”
- ❖ Kind: puts children in cages; calls 160,000 Covid deaths “it is what it is”

**FAIL**



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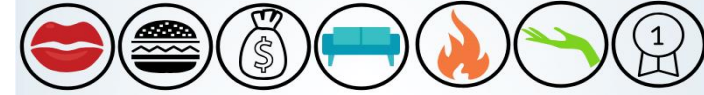


- ❖ Obedient: impeached; breaks laws and norms every day
- ❖ Cheerful: always angry and hurtful
- ❖ Thrifty: goes bankrupt and stiffes his creditors and suppliers
- ❖ Brave: Private Bone Spurs
- ❖ Clean: commits adultery with porn stars, close friends and parties with known pedophiles
- ❖ Reverent: uses church as a photo op without permission after tear gassing peaceful protestors

**FAIL**



# The Catholic Church defines the Seven Deadly Sins as:



- ❖ Pride: “I alone can fix it” - but then fails to even address the Covid & economic crises
- ❖ Greed: violates the Emoluments Clause every day, enriching himself
- ❖ Wrath: uses and promotes hate speech and violence
- ❖ Envy: shows envy against Obama every day in Tweets
- ❖ Lust: cheated on all his wives
- ❖ Gluttony: look at him!
- ❖ Sloth: can't bother to read his Presidential Daily Brief!



**FAIL**

...Trump's failure is “huge”



# President Dwight D. Eisenhower identified six qualities of a great man:



- ❖ Vision: Trump has no plan for 2021-5
- ❖ Integrity: regularly violates his Oath of Office
- ❖ Courage: hides in a bunker from peaceful demonstrators; dodged the draft
- ❖ Understanding: can't comprehend basic briefings
- ❖ Power of articulation: vocabulary of a 7-year-old
- ❖ Profundity of character: lashes out at critics and supporters; incapable of listening

**FAIL**



# Conclusions:



- “Presidential character” needs to be unpacked into its constituent elements
- By any measure, Donald Trump fails on all the elements to be a President, or even a good citizen
- Drastic change is needed, NOW







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