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In 11 years, Donald Trump tweeted 57,160

■ Questioning Barack Obama's birth certificate ■

Donald Trump was the biggest public booster of the nonsense theory that President Barack Obama's birth certificate was fake, and that he had secretly been born in Kenya.

It put doubt in the minds of a quarter of Americans



■ Rattling the stock market ■

Donald Trump used the power of his position to target private companies.

Bank of America found that the stock market tended to fall on days when Trump tweeted more than 35 times, and rise when he tweeted less than 5



■ Anyone for covfefe? ■

This bizarre half-tweet was meme-ified at lightning speed and became obnoxious just as quickly, inspiring merchandise, a race horse name and a ban on "COVFEFE" licence plates in the state of Georgia



■ Punching CNN ■

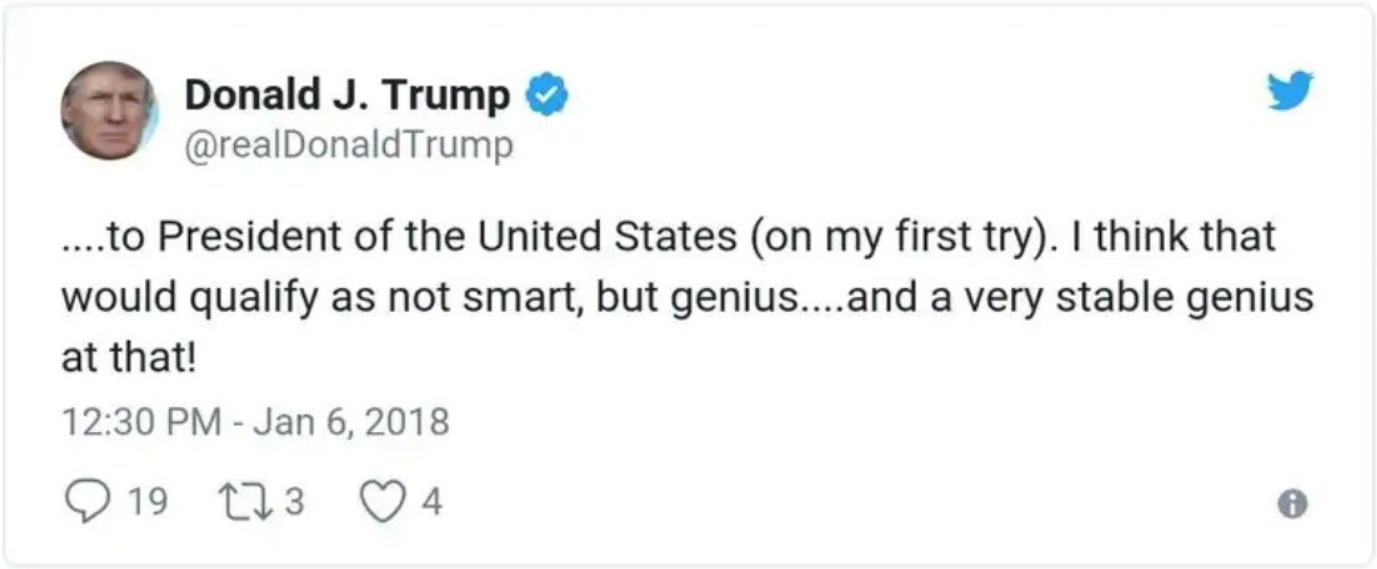
To some, this video of Trump beating CNN in a wrestling match was a joke; to others, it was a threat to journalists.

Extremists took notice. They drew attention to their communities by injecting their ideas into the Twitter feeds of Trump's 89m followers



■ A very stable genius ■

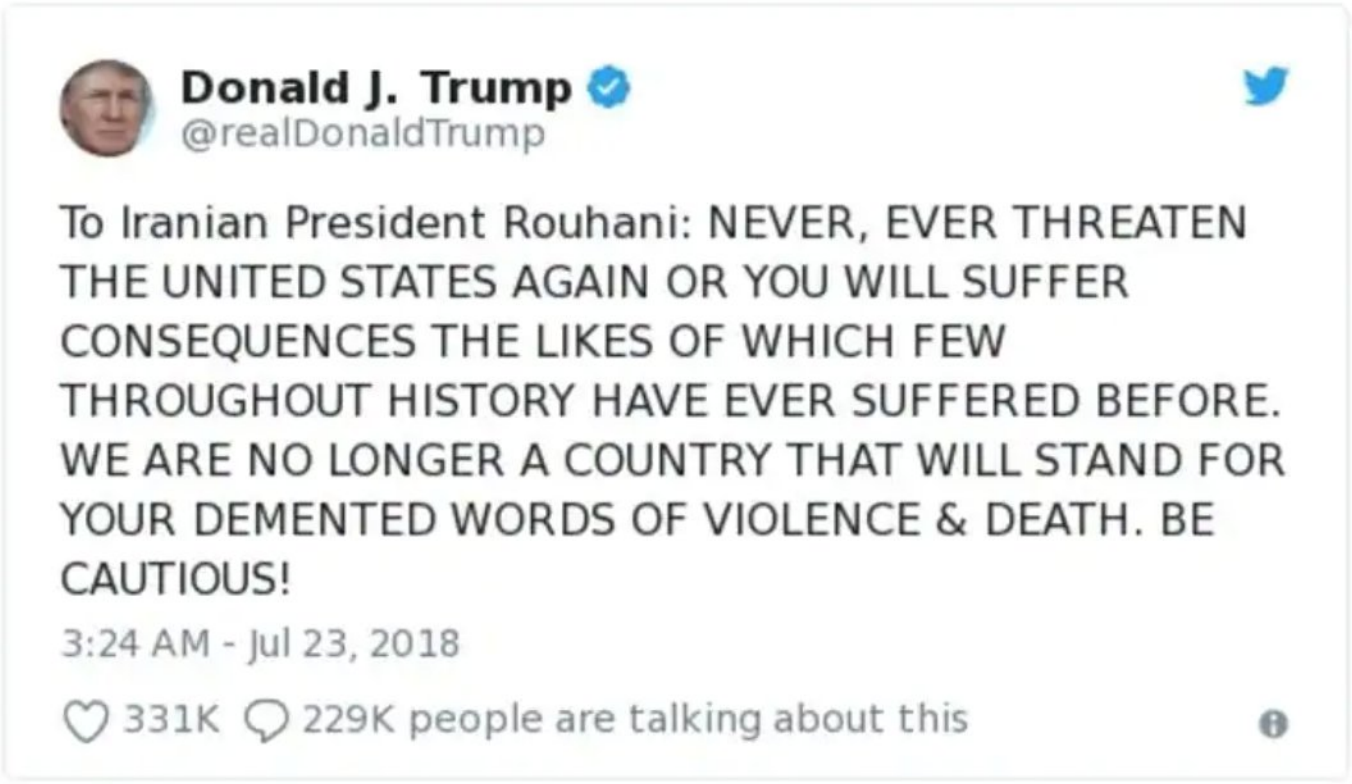
Trump's response to questions about his mental stability have gone down in history as the epitome of protesting too much. His phrasing inspired a book, a parody song to the tune of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Modern Major General', and even a proposed law



■ Threatening nuclear annihilation ■

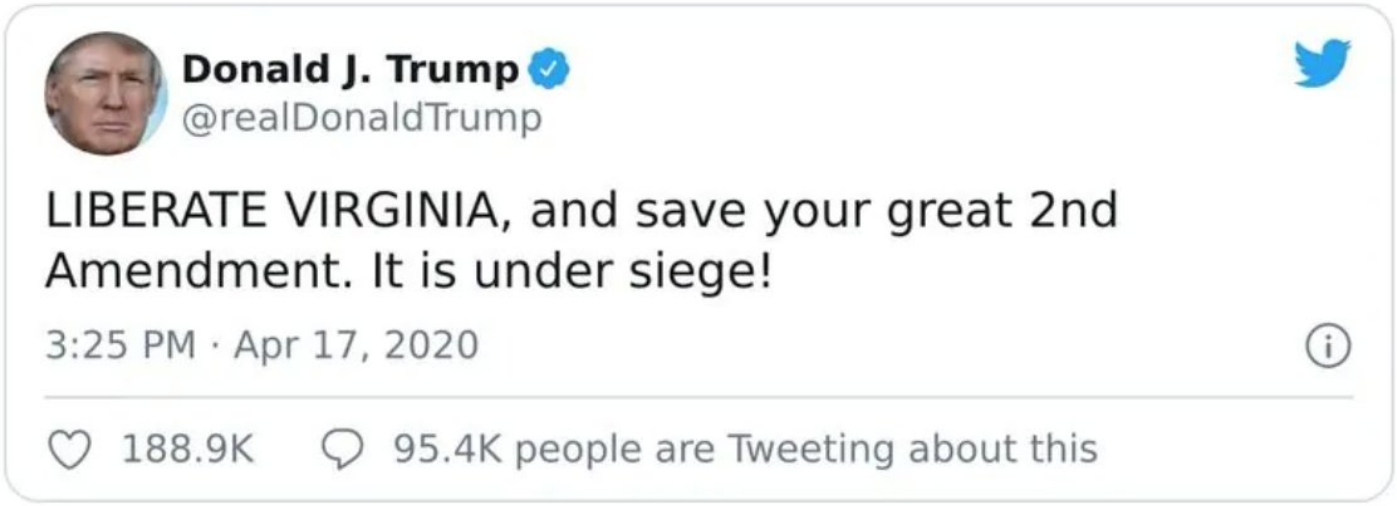
In July 2018, Trump targeted Iran. Such a naked threat of nuclear force sent a chill round the world.

He tweeted last January that his tweets would suffice to legally notify Congress of a war



■ Supercharging anti-lockdown protests ■

During the first peak of America's pandemic, Trump endorsed anti-lockdown protests in three Democrat-led states, which triggered online radicalisation that culminated in this week's violence on Capitol Hill



■ Threatening a military response to the George Floyd protests ■

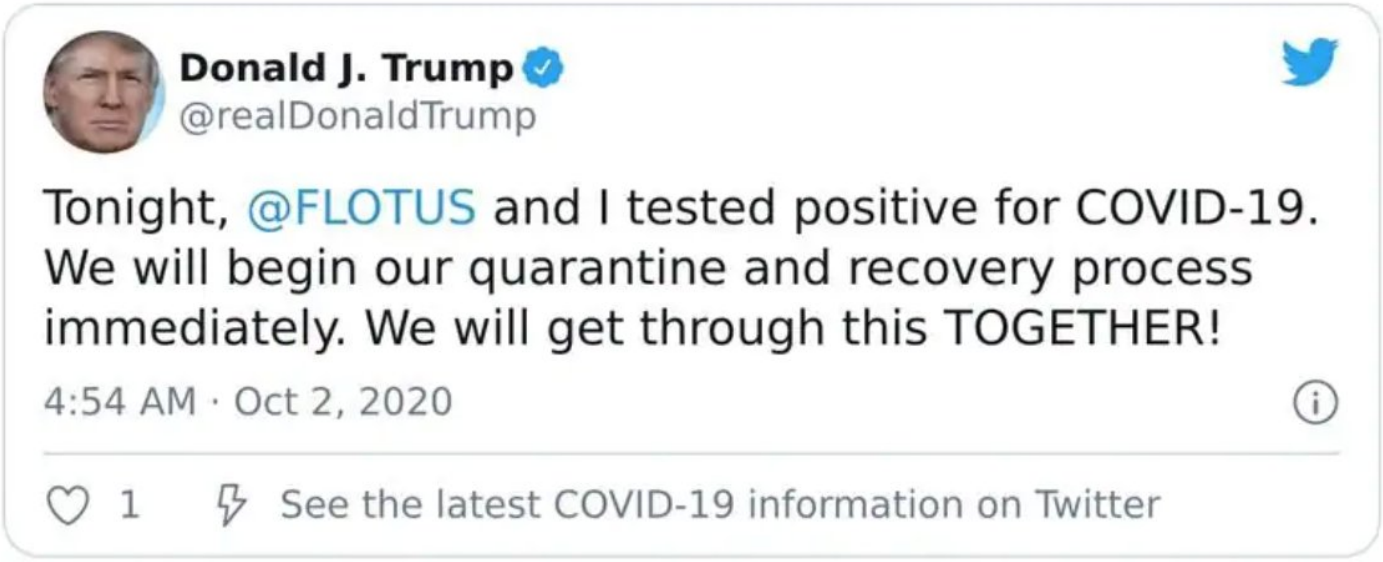
Twitter restricted this tweet for glorifying violence. From here, the social media platform began to act more strictly against Trump and his more extreme supporters, setting the stage for Friday's ban



■ I have Covid ■

Trump's announcement that he had contracted Covid-19 was his most retweeted and liked tweet ever.

His recovery became a central motif of his re-election campaign



■ Four Seasons Total Landscaping ■

Donald Trump met his Waterloo across the road from a crematorium and around the corner from a sex shop at Four Seasons Total Landscaping.

It was a surreal, bleakly comical end to the most polarising presidency in recent US history

