

LISTEN TO THE ARTICLE

You should be able to answer the following questions :

- WH questions → Who/ What / Where / Why / When etc.
- What kind of article is this? (→ piece of opinion writing or factual article?)

PAIR WORK

With your partner :

- Select the important facts / ideas
- Find transitions between them.

In short, it seems that Adidas couldn't afford not to react to West's behavior, which clearly crossed several red lines.

Cancel Culture is a way of behaving in a society or group, especially on social media, in which it is common to completely reject and stop supporting someone because they have said or done something that offends you.

Hate Speech

Contrary to a widely held misconception, “hate speech” is generally protected by the First Amendment. This has been established law for over a hundred years. Only if the speech fits within one of the categories of unprotected speech can it serve as a basis for disciplinary action against the speaker.

The term “hate speech” does not have a legal definition in the United States, but it often refers to speech that insults or demeans a person or group of people on the basis of attributes such as race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability or gender.

In fact, on many occasions, the Supreme Court has explicitly held that prohibitions or punishments for hateful speech violate the First Amendment.

What does this look like?

One example of possible hate speech would be if someone says “Communists don’t deserve to live.” Although an abhorrent sentiment, this speech would likely be deemed legally protected. On the other hand, pointing a weapon at a known Marxist and saying “Communists don’t deserve to live” would be unlawful and unprotected because it is a true threat.

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I will be casting my vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in the 2024 Presidential Election. I'm voting for [@kamalaharris](#) because she fights for the rights and causes I believe need a warrior to champion them. I think she is a steady-handed, gifted leader and I believe we can accomplish so much more in this country if we are led by calm and not chaos. I was so heartened and impressed by her selection of running mate [@timwalz](#), who has been standing up for LGBTQ+ rights, IVF, and a woman's right to her own body for decades.

I've done my research, and I've made my choice. Your research is all yours to do, and the choice is yours to make. I also want to say, especially to first time voters: Remember that in order to vote, you have to be registered! I also find it's much easier to vote early. I'll link where to register and find early voting dates and info in my story.

With love and hope,

Taylor Swift
Childless Cat Lady

Taylor Swift's Harris endorsement has thrilled fans – but will it move the election needle?

US Swifties who were waiting for their idol's statement are 'hopeful' about its impact as Republicans criticize the move

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Addy Al-Saigh had already gone to bed on Tuesday night when her phone woke her up with a notification: Taylor Swift had added a post on Instagram.

The pop star had endorsed Kamala Harris for president. Al-Saigh was thrilled.

"She has this impact on such a large amount of people that it is super important that she uses her voice, which I'm so glad she did," said Al-Saigh, a 19-year-old college student who lives in Virginia. "I am hopeful, definitely hopeful, that this will help push voter registration and push more people to get out and speak up and use their voice."

Perhaps no celebrity endorsement has ever been as hotly anticipated as Swift's – and she delivered in Miss Americana style on Tuesday, voicing her support for Harris and Tim Walz just minutes after the presidential debate between Harris and Donald Trump concluded.

"I think she is a steady-handed, gifted leader and I believe we can accomplish so much more in this country if we are led by calm and not chaos," Swift wrote of Harris. "I was so heartened and impressed by her selection of running mate Tim Walz," who Swift tagged, "who has been standing up for LGBTQ+ rights, IVF and a woman's right to her own body for decades".

The question on many minds is: does it matter? Although it's difficult to measure the impact of celebrity endorsements, they can move the needle in elections, especially by energizing voters who may otherwise sit on the sidelines. After Swift encouraged her fans to vote in 2023, Vote.org recorded more than 35,000 registrations in a single day. Al-Saigh first registered to vote because Swift had posted a voter registration link in her Instagram Stories.

In January, polling conducted for Newsweek found that 18% of voters say they are "more likely" or "significantly more likely" to vote for a Swift-backed candidate, while 17% say they are less likely. Swift's endorsement is likely to hold particular sway among Americans under 35, since about 30% of that group say they are more likely to vote for someone Swift supports. More than half of Swift's most avid fans already identify as Democrats, a 2023 Morning Consult poll found. The other half of her fanbase is split evenly between Republicans and independents.

Swifties for Kamala, which is working to mobilize fans of Swift and has raised more than \$150,000 for the Harris campaign, celebrated the endorsement. "We knew she would speak when the time was right and are so excited to keep up the fight," Irene Kim, the organization's co-founder and executive director, said in a statement. "Swifties are a diverse group – it's what strengthens our connections to one another and shapes our shared values."

Trump, meanwhile, dismissed Swift's endorsement. "She'll probably pay a price for it in the marketplace," he said Wednesday on Fox & Friends. Matt Gaetz, the Republican congressman from Florida, said that although he liked Swift's music, he wanted "to live in a world where liberals make my art and conservatives make my laws".

Jasmine Amussen, a 35-year-old Democrat in the swing state of Georgia who previously responded to a Guardian survey about Swift's political power, was particularly struck by the musician's mention of how Trump had used AI-generated images of the pop star to falsely suggest that Swift had endorsed him.

"It really conjured up my fears around AI, and the dangers of spreading misinformation," Swift wrote in her Instagram post.

"I think young people, especially young women, are, like, really grossed out and horrified by things like that," said Amussen, who said her vote was not personally affected by Swift's endorsement. "For people who have spent their whole life online and who have experienced a lot of really negative things about being online, like revenge porn and the Nudify websites and things like that, I think it really meant something that she said it like that."

Swift signed off her endorsement as "Taylor Swift, Childless Cat Lady" – a reference to comments by Trump's running mate, JD Vance, denigrating women who do not have children. Shortly afterward, Elon Musk, a Trump supporter, responded with a tweet that drew widespread condemnation.

"Fine Taylor ... you win ... I will give you a child and guard your cats with my life," Musk tweeted.

"I found it disgusting," Jared Quigg, a 22-year-old Swift fan in Indiana, said of Musk's post. "I despise that man."



Still, Quigg doesn't think that Swift's post will motivate many voters. "If she were to speak up on specific issues, I think that would move the needle on things. But as far as her endorsement, she didn't really delve too much into issues," said Quigg, who plans to vote for Harris even though he doesn't "really like her much at all".

“Now, if she were to speak up about fracking or Palestine, issues that might be considered more important to progressives, perhaps that could have an impact on the party”, Quigg added.

Al-Saigh, for her part, wants to get her Virginia college’s Swift fan club to do work around the election, such as helping register people to vote, now that the musician has made her views clear.

“Taylor Swift is such a global sensation that if she cares about something, it’s important,” Al-Saigh said. “That’s the way I feel, and that’s the way I think a lot of other people feel too.”

How far is it possible and desirable to reduce the influence of celebrities on us, not only as consumers but also as citizens?

Eminem attacks Donald Trump: « He's got people brainwashed »

Eminem has attacked President Trump in a new interview, saying: "I get so agitated thinking about him – that's how angry he makes me."

5 In an interview with *Vulture*, a cultural magazine, the rapper said Trump "makes my blood boil. I can't even watch the news anymore because it makes me too stressed out. All jokes aside, all punch lines aside, I'm trying to get a message out there about him. I want our country to be great too, I want it to be the best it can be, but it's not going to be that with him in charge." He added that he initially thought that the billionaire businessman might be a fresh voice in US politics, but his opinion changed after Trump's infamous campaign speech in which he referred to Mexican immigrants as criminals and rapists. "From that point on, I knew it was going to be bad with him. What he's doing putting people against each other is scary
10 fucking shit. His election was such a disappointment to me about the state of the country."

"The people that support him are the people he cares about the least and they don't even realise it," he added. "He's got people brainwashed. He's very good at flipping narratives. I just want people to think about things: What has he really done for you in the year since he's been in office? The tax cut is not going to help the middle class. It's going to help Donald Trump. That people don't see that is so discouraging. »
15 The comments come after Eminem rapped a much-discussed freestyle at this year's BET Hip-Hop awards, promising a "fork and dagger in this racist 94-year-old grandpa" as he took Trump to task over gun reform, his Twitter spats, his condemnation of the "take a knee" protests and his handling of hurricane emergency responses in Puerto Rico.

Eminem's new album *Revival* also features attacks on Trump. One line reads "this chump barely even sleeps / All he does is watch Fox News like a parrot and repeats", while another describes him as an "Aryan" who
20 should "prepare to get impeached".

The album, which has guest spots from Beyoncé, Ed Sheeran, Pink and Alicia Keys, received mixed reviews, but is on course to top the charts in both the US and UK come the end of this week. It would be his eighth number one album in a row in the UK, a feat only matched by Led Zeppelin and Abba.

Elsewhere in the *Vulture* interview, he reveals that he finds his fourth album *Encore* "mediocre", that he's
25 taken to Tinder in the wake of his divorce, and that he regards his second album as his creative peak: "I am forever chasing *The Marshall Mathers LP*. That was the height of what I could do. I just don't have the rage I did back then ... The passion is still there but the rage mostly isn't. Unless we're talking about Trump."

