

# The Media Keep Falling Into the Trump Trap | The Wall Street Journal

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Jason L. Riley argues that the media continues to play itself-focusing on anti-Trump issues that are of little importance to the public, while simultaneously ignoring President Trump's accomplishments.

Donald Trump has long demonstrated a knack for getting his political opponents to make fools of themselves. Sen. Marco Rubio learned this the hard way on the 2016 campaign trail when he tried to out-Trump Mr. Trump. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and former CIA chief John Brennan got caught in the trap last week.

Mr. Cuomo took issue with Mr. Trump's campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again," telling an audience full of Democrats that "we're not going to make America great again—it was never that great." The audience booed. Mr. Cuomo was attempting to insult the president but wound up insulting the country and then spent several days walking back what he said. Mr. Cuomo's late father, Mario, also served as governor of New York. He once remarked: "There are few things more amusing in the world of politics than watching moderate Republicans charging to the right in pursuit of greater glory." His son is evidence that such behavior is bipartisan.

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For all of his faults, the president deserves some praise for the ramped-up economy, just as he'll deserve blame if his counterproductive trade wars reverse these gains over time. Covering the Russia meddling investigation and keeping the White House honest is important, but these things are hardly the sum of Mr. Trump's presidency. Reporters look foolish when they insist otherwise.

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