

so much of intro is
focused on climate
change that I
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an important feature
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Rhetorical Analysis: The Waters Swell. So Does Trump's Ego

The last election of the United States of America resulted in a major transition for ~~American~~ ^{the country} ~~nations~~. This is because the chosen president ^{watch shifting verb tense} ~~had made~~ many critical promises ~~that can~~ change the future of the country in ~~many different aspects~~. One of the major issues that Trump chose to not focus upon is the climate change. He did not highly ^{WC} ~~consider~~ the main reason for climate change, which ^{is} global warming. Many criticized ~~of~~ how Trump did not take effective steps to eliminate the risk of such ^a global issue, especially when considering the United State^s of America as a global, influential power. Frank Bruni, a writer of *The New York Times*, criticized ~~the lack of taking actions~~ ^{is lack of action} by Trump in responding to the devastating Hurricane Harvey that recently occurred in Corpus Christi, Texas. Bruni wrote an article entitled "The Waters Swell. So Does Trump's Ego," in which Bruni effectively convinces his audience that Trump always uses ^{name specific rhetorical moves made by Bruni} ~~the self-impressed wonder's~~ strategy to avoid any blames. ^{min. ??}

Bruni argues that Trump is not handling the hurricane of Texas effectively. Also, ^{he} ~~the author~~ draws a parallel between Trump's ^{WC} ~~impression~~ on the hurricane and on being elected. Bruni claims that Trump is fascinated by the destructive power of nature and by human suffering. Despite the fact that experts ^{have about} ~~warned~~ the changing climate patterns. This indicates how Trump is acting ^{as if} ~~that~~ this is not an ordinary incident and he could not do anything about ^{it}. However, the author highlights the fact that experts gave warning about the potential consequences ^{it} ~~which~~ makes Trump guilty about not taking serious actions to eliminate the potential high risk. Also, the author has a hidden

indirect message, which is to show that Trump was wrong when he did not consider eliminating the causes of global warmings as one of his main priorities. Therefore, the author is being very convincing throughout the article about the fact that Trump is acting surprised about this incident, but in fact he was aware of the ^{risks} ~~outcome~~ of climate change.

Throughout the article Bruni explains to the American people about the unacceptable behavior by the elected president Donald Trump. He also indirectly explains to the global world of how an influential leader is not taking effective steps in fighting global warming. Bruni is directly illustrating to his audience the actual steps and opinions ^{of} by Trump in regard to the unfortunate incident. He wanted to gather a summary of statements and steps by Trump and to show that these statements and steps are not the right ones. Bruni assumes that the audience ~~are~~ ^{is} aware of the global warming consequences and this was the main reason ^{for} of such ^a ~~as~~ damaging Hurricane. As well as, Bruni assumes that his audience are aware of the pattern that Trump follows when he does not know how to handle a dangerous situation. Overall, Bruni wants to remind his audience that Trump is following the strategy of self-impressed wonder as an excuses of not handling the situation in the most possible appropriate way.

Bruni uses the emotional approach to convince his audience about his ultimate message. He emphasizes ~~about~~ ^{to change} his hope ~~changing~~ how Trump is dealing with situation. He mentions the importance of ~~showing effective~~ acts instead of words. I keep hoping against hope that a new challenge will tease out a new Trump and that if he malingers in the presence long enough, he'll mender in the direction of eloquence, slouch toward poetry and tumble into inspiration. Stranger things have happened. I'll have to get back to you on what they were" (Bruni 1). This shows the strength of words chosen by the author to make a strong argument about the ineffective acts by Trump.

break it down further - must explain!
which words, how do they create
an emotional response (which emotion?)

are you trying to describe ethos? I can't tell

this topic sentence should identify the rhetorical feature you're analyzing instead it reads as summary (like previous #) I should be focusing on How

Bruni persuades not WHAT he is arguing

what emotions? how does he evoke them?

these explanations should be analyzing the rhetorical significance of the quote (vs. describing the content)

Furthermore, Bruni shows logical evidences for his argument by mentioning what the experts said about Harvey. Having chosen in the past to ignore all experts who chart changing climate patterns, Trump on Sunday tweeted: "experts are calling #Harvey a once in 500-year flood!" They have no authority when they tell him inconvenient truths, but they're entirely credible when describing circumstances that pump up his already-bloated ego" (Bruni 1). This indicate strong credible facts to prove that experts described the potential risk of Harvey which shows that Trump should have taken effective actions instead of avoiding any responsibility.

→ Bruni describes the main character, Trump, as someone who does not have a sense of human suffering. Hence, he criticizes that, in the moment of crisis, when people lose their homes and when some people die, Trump remains not sensitive to human suffering: "And Trump, per usual, was measuring his audience. And complimenting himself" (Bruni 2). Bruni's writing is emotional and aims to leave the readers angry with the President's behavior. The author points that Trump is still the same person who he was before the election: "The weather around him changes. The weather inside him doesn't" (Bruni 3). This means that people should not have hope that the President will change for good. Overall, Bruni argues that trump's fascination was not because of his sense of human suffering

too much Summary

this aims to analyze his rhetoric? thus should be topic

back to summarizing

Bruni shows that Trump does not care about people and cares only about himself. He enjoys being the center of attention and his own image more than the disaster. When he was visiting Corpus Cristi, he could not hide his self-satisfaction and screamed "What a crowd! What a turnout!" (Bruni 3). The author does not try to hide his true opinion about the President, and the purpose of the article is to convince the readers in his point of view. Even the title of the article shows that the article is certainly not neutral. Bruni mentions that Trump has "already-bloated ego" (Bruni 3). Moreover, Trump highlights his own importance by saying "I was famous in the '90s,

too" (Bruni 3). Bruni interprets this as Trump's urge to compete with the power of the hurricane: "he was a force of nature decades before Harvey came along."

Bruni utilizes visual image to reflect his ultimate message by criticizing the way that Trump and his wife arrived to Corpus Chrisit Texas. The image is relevant to the topic since the author comments on the image by stating "When he and Melania in their his-and-hers, salt-and-pepper baseball caps faced the television cameras in Corpus Christi, Tex., early Tuesday afternoon, he was already itching to take a victory lap" (Bruni 2). This shows how Trump after the hard work and effort of the rescue teams, he simply arrives in Corpus to harvest the victory. In other words, the author argues that Trump does not deserve to harvest the victory of the civil people.

Overall, Bruni succeeded in delivering his ultimate message which is showing that Trump always takes the how Trump always take the self-impressed wonder to avoid any responsibility and blame. The connected ideas throughout the article with clear evidences result in effective message. It is important to mention that Bruni could more facts about how Trump ignored the potential risk of global warming when he was elected.

In conclusion, Bruni uses emotions to explain his point of view and affect the audience. It became an effective tool of convincing because, naturally, the readers would get angry at many of Trump's actions that seem inappropriate during such tragic events. Bruni uses Trump's sayings as an evidence of his point. Throughout the article he uses logic and draws parallels between the President and natural forces. The author of the article shows that Trump did not take any actions to alleviate the situation because he does not seem empathetic to human suffering. Instead, he is busy with his own persona. Thus, Bruni analyzes Trump's behavior during the latest events and effectively uses different tools to prove his point.

Seems like you have 2 separate conclusion #s?

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this started out very analysis focused but slipped back to summary by the end

The image helps Bruni make his argument by...

you keep using this phrase but...?

Works Cited

~~Work Cite~~

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There are parts of this where some really cogent analysis peeks through, and I can see you pulling together many features of the article to build your essay. However, as it stands, this essay ends up summarizing WHAT Bruni argues for more than analyzing the effects of HOW he builds his argument. You end up focused on the specific pts. made by Bruni rather than the ~~persuasive~~ persuasive techniques he employs while making them. On a language level this is fairly readable - though some consistent issues w/ the wrong preposition emerge as a trend. Be careful, too, with shifting verb tense. Other issues w/ WC (word choice) will be benefitted by taking drafts to the writing center. After after a quote you will say "This proves _____" as if the quote was self-evident - but you must explain! Organization-wise, topic sentences aren't doing enough to help me situate the significance of each ¶ in relation to thesis.

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