

# Trolls and snowflakes: Once-stuffy D.C. embraces tough slang

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WASHINGTON — The House speaker dismissed the actions of a U.S. president as merely “trolling.” And the nation’s attorney general knocked America’s university students as a bunch of sensitive “snowflakes.”

These terms are hardly new. But President Donald Trump’s presence in Washington, D.C., has fundamentally changed how politicians are talking in this once-stuffy town that long prided itself on civility and decorum.

A look at the latest political slang making the rounds:

## Trolling

Trolling refers to the practice of incessantly posting nasty words or images online as a way of provoking one’s opponents.

It’s what U.S. intelligence agencies have accused the Russian government of doing on social media leading up to

the 2016 election. And it’s what Trump does on Twitter when he posts repeatedly about “Crooked Hillary,” Clinton and “Cryin’ Chuck Schumer.”

That’s why “trolling” was an interesting choice of words by House Speaker Paul Ryan on Tuesday when he was asked about Trump’s plan to revoke the security clearances from top former national security officials who criticize the president. (Officials often keep their security clearances active in case their expertise is needed later by their successors or future employers.)

“I think he’s trolling people, honestly,” Ryan told reporters with a slight shrug.

Ryan picked up on the fact that the president’s threat achieves exactly the same goal as online trolling — goading one’s critics to lure them into a public spat and shift debate to a topic of his choosing.

And while this might seem obvious considering Trump’s Twitter feed, the idea that a Republican House speaker



Jacquelyn Martin/Associated Press  
**House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., attends a news conference following a Tuesday GOP caucus meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.**

would shrug off a Republican president’s threat as mere trolling shows how much Washington — and its lexicon — has changed.

## Snowflakes

Jeff Sessions, the nation’s top law enforcement officer, this week said colleges are creating a generation of “snowflakes.”

This has been a longtime favorite quip among conservatives who believe younger generations have been so coddled by their liberal parents that they have grown up to become overly sensitive and fragile. The term is part of a broader culture war between liberals, who want to see expanded rights for minorities and an atmosphere of inclusiveness, and conservatives who denounce those efforts as political correctness run amok.

In the case of Sessions, the attorney general believes college campuses are the worst offenders for creating these so-called “snowflakes.”

“Rather than molding a generation of mature, well-informed adults, some schools are doing everything they can to create a generation of sanctimonious, sensitive, supercilious snowflakes,” he said, reading from prepared remarks at a high school leadership summit in Washington aimed at encouraging conservative activism among students. (Sessions also at one point repeated the chant of “Lock Her Up” in reference to Democrat Hillary Clinton.)

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary says the term “snowflake” has had numerous meanings over the years, including a person who favored slavery in the 1860s in Missouri.

But by 1996, the book “Fight Club” included a line the dictionary says may have given the word its current meaning: “You are not a beautiful and unique snowflake. You are the same decaying organic matter as everyone, and we are all part of the same compost pile.”

# TV SCHEDULE

THE DAILY ASTORIAN

Evening listings  
FRIDAY—SUNDAY

FRIDAY EVENING														JULY 27	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Quantico "Ghosts" (N)		What Would You Do? (N)		20/20		KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Quantico "Ghosts" (N)		What Would You Do? (N)		20/20		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	American Ninja Warrior "Dallas City Finals"		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Whistleblower (N)		Hawaii Five-0		BlueB. "Friendship, Love and Loyalty"		News (N)	(35) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Whistleblower (N)		Hawaii Five-0		BlueB. "Friendship, Love and Loyalty"		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	American Ninja Warrior "Dallas City Finals"		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Illusion (N)	Masters of Illusion	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Psych!!"		News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Burt Wolf: Travels	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		The Coroner "Those in Peril"		Shetland		Shetland	(40) Masterpiece Mystery!	"Breathless"			
12	KPTV	(12) News (N)	Timbers in 30	Family Feud	Family Feud	The Resident "Family Affair"		The Orville "Into the Fold"		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident "Family Affair"		The Orville "Into the Fold"		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		Most Wanted	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	*** Knocked Up (2007, Comedy)	Katherine Heigl, Leslie Mann, Seth Rogen.	*** Bad Teacher (2011, Comedy)	Jason Segel, Justin Timberlake, Cameron Diaz.	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
20	KZJQ	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29	ESPN	(29) Basketball The Tournament (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			
30	ESPN2	(30) WNBA All-Star Special (L)		NBA: The Jump (N)		NFL Live		Around the Horn		First Take	The hottest topics in sports are debated.				
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	SpongeBob	The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (15) Antonio Banderas.		Friends		Friends	(35) Friends		
32	DISN	(32) QUILZney/Big City	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Big City Greens	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Bunk'd		
34	FAM	(34) (5:40) *** Ace Ventura: Pet Detective	(94) Jim Carrey.	(45) *** Forrest Gump	(1994, Comedy/Drama)	Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.							The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Criminal (16, Dra) Kevin Costner.	(15) Criminal (2016, Drama)	Gary Oldman, Tommy Lee Jones, Kevin Costner.						**** Captain Phillips (2013, Docu-Drama)	Barkhad Abdi, Tom Hanks.				
36	LIFE	(36) The Closer "Mom Duty"		The Closer "Slippin'"		The Closer "Aftertaste"		The Closer "To Protect and Serve"		The Closer "Out of Focus"		(05) The Closer "Head Over Heels"			
38	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles		Los Angeles Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)		Post-game		MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles					
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) BIG3 Basketball (L)				MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed	Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		Speak for Yourself			
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	**** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure)	Sean Connery, Julian Glover, Harrison Ford.						
44	COM	(44) (15) The Office	(50) The Office		(25) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	To Be Announced						
45	HIST	(45) Ancient Aliens "Earth Station Egypt"				Ancient Aliens "The Replicants"		Ancient Aliens "Island of the Giants" (N)	(05) In Search Of "Superhumans" (N)	(05) Aliens "The Einstein Factor"					
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD				Live PD (N) (:05) Live PD: Rewind (N)		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L)							
47	TLC	(47) Weddings "...and a Mouthful of Blue"		Four Weddings "...and a Surprise Bride"		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? More to Love "Tell All: Part 1" (N)		90 Day Fiancé "Fishing for Trouble" (N)		90 Day Fiancé "Tell All: Part 1"					
48	DISC	(48) SharkShark "Sharkopedia Edition" (N)		Cash Cab "Shark Week Edition"		Megalodon: Fact vs. Fiction (N)		Bloodline: The Spawn of Jaws (P) (N)		Great White Shark Babies (N)		Jaws (1975, Horror)	Rory Scheider.		
49	NGEO	(49) To Catch "Cocaine Suitcase"		To Catch "Trafficking Tourists"		Monster Fish "Green Goliath"		Monster Fish "India's River Devil"		Wicked Tuna "Hail Mary Harpoon" (N)		Monster Fish "Green Goliath"			
50	TNT	(50) NCIS: New O. "Insane in the Membrane"		NCIS: New Orleans "Broken Hearted"		**** Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015, Action)	John Boyega, Harrison Ford, Daisy Ridley.	**** Lethal Weapon (1987, Action)	Danny Glover, Gary Busey, Mel Gibson.	**** Lethal Weapon 2 (89, Act)	Danny Glover, Mel Gibson.		Cowboys and Aliens (11) Daniel Craig.		
51	AMC	(51) (4:00) *** Casino (1995, Crime Story)	Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro.	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Twenty-Five Acts"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Manhattan Vigil"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Funny Valentine"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		
52	USA	(52) (5:00) Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins		
53	FOOD	(53) My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home		
54	HGTV	(54) (5:00) *** Ghostbusters (16)	Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, Melissa McCarthy.	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Special Report		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Special Report			
56	FNC	(56) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		The Five		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle			
61	CNBC	(61) Amer. Greed "Wine, Women and Fraud"		American Greed "Dangerous Luxury"		Deadly Rich "A Glittering Murder"		American Greed "Family Fortune Feud"		American Greed: Scam		Paid Program			
63	BRAV	(63) (5:30) Below Deck	Below Deck "A Perfect Storm"	Below Deck "Bad Vibrations"		Below Deck "Demand and Supply"		Below Deck "Can I Get Fries with That?"		Below Deck "Hasta Barista, Baby!"		Below Deck			
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Conrack (1974, Drama)	Jon Voight.	*** The Great Santini (79, D) Blythe Danner, Michael O'Keefe, Robert Duvall.		(15) *** The Prince of Tides (1991, Drama)	Barbra Streisand, Blythe Danner, Nick Nolte.	Wynonna "When You Call My Name" (N)		Killjoys "Johnny Dangerously" (N)		Futurama	Futurama		
65	SYFY	(65) (4:00) Parker (13)	*** Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005, Action)	Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.											
162	RFD	(162) County Reporter	FarmHer	Chasing-Madison	The Jimmy Dean Show	Rural Eve. News		Country's Family Reunion		County Reporter	Chasing-Madison	Time Life Library			

SATURDAY EVENING														JULY 28	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
2	KATU	(2) KATU News (N)	Paid Program	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	America's Funniest Home Videos		20/20		20/20		KATU News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	America's Funniest Home Videos		20/20		20/20		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle		
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Little Big Shots "Beauty and the Steve"		Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered.		Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered.		KING 5 News (N)	Sat. Night Live		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News (N)	Weekend News (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Weekend	Pink Collar Crimes (N)		48 Hours		48 Hours		News (N)	(35) Amer.Ninja		
7	KIRO	(7) Weekend News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Weekend	KIRO 7 Presents "Alaska Airlines Seafair Torchlight Parade" (P) (N)		48 Hours		48 Hours		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) PinkCrim		
8	KGW	(8) NBC News (N)	Naturally, Danny	Champion Within	Health Happ. (N)	Little Big Shots "Beauty and the Steve"		Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered.		Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered.		KGW News (N)	Sat. Night Live		
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	News at 10 (N)	Pawn Stars	Impractical Jokers	Bones		
10	KOPB	(10) Great British Baking	"Desserts"	Travel: Art Wolfe	James Brown	Trekker "Art Trails of the French Riviera"		Father Brown "The Dance of Death"		Hillary "Standing Tall"		Masterpiece "Endeavour: Quartet"			
12	KPTV	(12) (5:00) UFC UFC (L)		In Depth	James Brown	Disturbing Behaviour (1998)		10 O'Clock News (N)		The X-Files "Three Words"		To Hell & Back "Fetch Bistro"			
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Most Wanted	West Coast Wrestling Connection			
13	KCPQ	(13) (5:00) UFC UFC (L)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	To Hell & Back "Fetch Bistro"			
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Failure to Launch		
20	KZJQ	(22) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Most Wanted	Bones "The Twist in the Twister"		The X-Files "Per Manum"			
29	ESPN	(29) MLS Soccer Houston Dynamo at Portland Timbers (L)				Soccer International Champions Cup Barcelona vs. Tottenham Hotspur (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			
30	ESPN2	(30) eSports "Overwatch League Grand Finals"		eSports "Overwatch		League Grand Finals "Championship		SportsCenter (N)		Boxing Classics		Boxing Classics			
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Double Dare	Henry Danger "Back to the Danger"		Nicky (N)	Star Falls (N)	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	(35) Friends		
32	DISN	(32) 16 Wishes (2010, Family)	Jean-Luc Bilodeau, Kendall Cross.	(40) Bizaardvark		(05) Stuck Middle	Andi Mack	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Bug Juice	Bug Juice	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark		
34	FAM	(34) (5:05) *** Oz the Great and Powerful (13)	Mila Kunis, James Franco.	(15) *** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005, Adventure)	Freddie Highmore, David Kelly, Johnny Depp.	(15) *** My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic (2010, Animation)	Voices of James Woods, Charlton Heston, Tate Donovan.					(55) Van Helsing (04) Hugh Jackman.			
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) *** Gone Girl (14)	Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck.	(50) **** Gone Girl (2014, Mystery)	Rosamund Pike, Missi Pyle, Ben Affleck.					(40) FXM Presents	Sex Tape (2014, Comedy)	Cameron Diaz.			
36	LIFE	(36) The Wrong Daughter (2018, Drama)		The Wrong Cruise (18, Drama)	William McNamara, Andres Londono, Vivica A. Fox.	(05) The Wrong Son (2018, Drama)	Tammy Blanchard, Dan Aykroyd, Olivia d'Abo.					I Am Legend (2007, Sci-Fi)	Will Smith.		
38	ROOT	(38) MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Angels Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)		Post-game		MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Angels Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif.									
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) NHRA Drag R. Sonoma Nationals	UFC Post-show "Alvarez vs. Poirier 2" (L)	UFC Fight Post "Alvarez vs. Poirier 2"		BIG3 Basketball Site: Scotiabank Arena -- Toronto, Ont.									
43	SPIKE	(43) **** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure)	Sean Connery, Julian Glover, Harrison Ford.	**** Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981, Adventure)	Karen Allen, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.										
44	COM	(44) (5:30) To Be Announced		(55) To Be Announced		(55) To Be Announced		To Be Announced							
45	HIST	(45) Counting Cars "Count's Car Show"		Counting Cars "Mustang Madness"		Counting Cars: Supercharged Episodes of "Counting Cars" with bonus footage. (N)		Counting Cars "Count's Car Show"		(05) Counting Cars	(35) Counting Cars				
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD		Live PD (N) (:05) Live PD: Rewind (N)		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L)									
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta		Say Yes to the Dress "Men of Honor?"		Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta (N)		Four Weddings (N)		To Be Announced		(05) Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta			
48	DISC	(48) Bloodline: The Spawn of Jaws		Monster Tag		Abysms "Sharkopedia Edition" (N)		Return of the Megashark (N)		Sharks Gone Wild (N)		Jaws 3 (1983, Horror)	Dennis Quaid.		
49	NGEO	(49) Bloods and Crips: L.A. Gangs		Miami Drug Cartel		Tijuana Drug Lords		Miami Drug Cartel		Bloods and Crips: L.A. Gangs		Philly Mob			
50	TNT	(50) *** I Am Legend (2007, Sci-Fi)	Alice Braga, April Grace, Will Smith.	*** Tombstone (1993, Western)	Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell.	*** Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015, Action)	John Boyega, Harrison Ford, Daisy Ridley.					I Am Legend (2007, Sci-Fi)	Will Smith.		
51	AMC	(51) (4:30) Lethal Weapon 2	Mel Gibson.	*** Tombstone (1993, Western)	Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell.	(45) *** Grown Ups (2010, Comedy)	Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.					Miz & Mrs.	Chrisley Knows		
52	USA	(52) (4:25) Rush Hour	*** Get Hard (2015, Comedy)	Kevin Hart, Alison Brie, Will Ferrell.		(45) *** Grown Ups (2010, Comedy)	Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.					Diners, Drive-Ins	"Best of the West"		
53	FOOD	(53) Diners, Drive-Ins	"Incredible Italian"	Comey's "Pizzeria Party"		Comfort Food (N)	Comfort Food (N)	Diners, Drive-Ins	"Real-Deal Diners"	Diners...Dives "Hearty Home Cookin'"		Diners, Drive-Ins	"Best of the West"		
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper	"The Colossal Crawford Reno"	Fixer "Upper"		Fixer "Upper"		Fixer "Rustic Italian Dream Home"		Mountain Life (N)	Mountain Life (N)	Renovation	"A Renovation Surprise" (N)		
56	FX	(56) (5:00) *** Jack Reacher (12, Action)	Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	*** Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (2011, Action)	Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg, Tom Cruise.					The Nineties "The Information Age"		The Nineties	"Terrorism Hits Home"		
57	CNN	(57) The 2000s "Quagmire: Bush's 2nd Term"		The 2000s "Mission Accomplished"		Nineties "Clinton: The Comeback Kid"		The Nineties "New World Order"		The Greg Gutfeld Show		Watters World			
58	FNC	(58) Justice With Judge Jeanine		The Greg Gutfeld Show		Justice With Judge Jeanine		Justice With Judge Jeanine		The Profit "Montiel"		The Profit	"The Casery"		
61	CNBC	(61) Under Boss "New York & Company"		Undercover Boss "United Van Lines"		Boss "University of California, Riverside"		The Profit "Montiel"				Paid Program			
63	BRAV	(63) Movie	*** Little Fockers (2010, Comedy)	Robert De Niro, Owen Wilson, Ben Stiller.		*** No Strings Attached (2011, Comedy)	Ashton Kutcher, Kevin Kline, Natalie Portman.					No Strings Attached	Natalie Portman.		
64	TCM	(64) (4:00) 300 (06)	*** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (12)	Vanessa Hudgens, Josh Hutcherson.		*** Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008, Adventure)	Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Ron Perlman.				</				