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Local Teen Forced to Leave Thanksgiving Dinner amidst Slew of Trump Quotes

Turning an already tense political climate downright problematic, 15-year-old Alex Johnson was told by his mother to leave the dinner table on Thursday, November 24, after speaking almost exclusively in Donald Trump quotations. Alex reportedly just started following politics this election cycle, and after careful consideration, produced the nuanced opinion that, “Hillary’s just another feminazi.”

Alex started the controversy early and only got worse from there. He began quoting the president-elect before the meal even began, interjecting after Aunt Gertrude said she was thankful for her recent weight loss with a condescending, “[wrong.](#)”

Mrs. Johnson tried a diplomatic approach at first, simply stating that Alex should consider the words he chooses to use at the dinner table. Alex rebuffed this criticism with another quote: “[I don’t have time for total political correctness.](#)” Uncle Larry sounded his agreement by cracking another beer.

Alex took aim at his mother partway through the meal, commenting to Uncle Larry, “Do you see the way she was looking at me? [There was blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever.](#)”

Uncle Larry, ardent Trump supporter, was Alex’s most vocal supporter, imploring fellow dinner guests early on to, “let the kid speak!” We caught up with him after the harrowing meal.

“At first I liked him for speaking his mind and sticking to his guns,” Larry said, “but as it went on I just found it harder and harder to justify the things he was saying.” At the time of this comment, he did not understand the irony of his statement.

The final straw came when Alex told his mother to, “[grab the turkey by the pussy](#) and pass it down here.” She was appalled by the vulgarity and immediately sent Alex to his room. Begrudgingly, Alex obeyed, but not without a final comment: “[The wall just got ten feet higher.](#)”

We were able to secure an interview with a fuming Mrs. Johnson afterwards.

“The way Alex was speaking was absolutely deplorable,” she said. “We can’t normalize this kind of behavior. The leader of America saying these things is one thing, but this rhetoric is wholly unacceptable for family meals.” She was, however, impressed by his political knowledge. “He probably was the most well-informed person at the table. I couldn’t believe some of those were actual quotes.”

We got a chance to speak to Alex after the incident, if only briefly. His mother said that he was grounded and lost his privilege to have a full press conference.

“So it’s my fault that my family is a bunch of liberal cucks who get triggered at everything? I’m just trying to Make America Great Again,” he said, referencing the red trucker hat on his head. “Also, I wanted an excuse to say ‘pussy’ at the dinner table.”

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A Look inside Donald Trump's Cabinet Picks

The hopes of many are riding on Donald Trump to be a disruptive force as President, shaking up the modern political climate. Promising to “[drain the swamp](#)” that is Washington, his nominations are highly anticipated from allies and enemies alike. In an unexpected fight-fire-with-fire technique, President-Elect Trump plans to fight the influence of big money interests by nominating the [wealthiest cabinet in American history](#). Let's take a look at the gentle woodland critters he will import to replace the nefarious bog-dwellers.



Education Secretary—Betsy DeVos Having no background in the field of education, DeVos will fit in perfectly with Donald Trump, someone who has no

background in politics. DeVos has a “no-nonsense” approach to public schools, in that there will be no nonsense once all public schools are defunded and shut down.



Secretary of Housing and Urban

Development—Ben Carson Dr. Carson's background in neurosurgery will lend to this job bigly, in confirmation of the old adage, “if you can fix a nervous system, you can fix deeply-rooted systemic

racism.” One of Carson's biggest qualifications for this job is that he himself actually grew up in a house. Some speculate Trump chose his former political candidate for this position because he misunderstood “urban” as a euphemism for “black.”



Treasury Secretary—50 Cent A choice seen controversial among the more traditional members of the GOP establishment, Trump has selected G-Unit rapper to head the Treasury Department. Most likely chosen due to their shared Queens heritage and [Fiddy's proven ability to maneuver bankruptcy laws](#), Trump was quoted as saying, “One time for Queens, you know what’s good. My man 50 Cent got shot nine times and survived, he can survive whatever Iran throws at him when we renegotiate Hillary’s horrible deal.”



Health and Human Services Secretary—Grimace

Continuing the theme of nominating cabinet members with a background in corporate America, Trump has selected the bulbous, purple monster and former McDonald’s mascot to head the Department of Health and Human Services. When asked about possible conflicts of interest due to his corporate ties (as he will be overseeing the Food and Drug Administration), Grimace declined to comment, because it is unclear as to whether he can actually speak. While this nomination might be a surprise to some, the brightly colored monster and Grimace actually have a [well-documented friendship](#).



Environmental Protection Agency

Administrator—A Lump of Coal Drawing criticism from environmental activists, Trump has nominated an inanimate brick of fossil fuel to head the EPA. While he

might not be making good on his pledge to drain the swamp of big money politics, Trump will need undying support from the EPA to make good on his plans to literally drain swamps, seeing them as wasted real estate, perfect for building hotels. When asked about the choice, the president-elect was quoted as saying, “Anyone with a brain would oppose the cuts I’m going to be making to the EPA, so I chose an administrator without one.”

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