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In [4]: #author: aaron edwards
#project: news story search engine based on [ tf/idf ]

from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
from sklearn.metrics.pairwise import cosine_similarity
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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In [5]: story = pd.read_csv("articles.csv", sep=',', header=None)
story.head()
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Out[5]:

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1	0	17283	House Republicans Fret About Winning Their Hea...	New York Times	Carl Hulse	2016- 12-31	2016.0	12.0	NaN	WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans have...
2	1	17284	Rift Between Officers and Residents as Killing...	New York Times	Benjamin Mueller and Al Baker	2017- 06-19	2017.0	6.0	NaN	After the bullet shells get counted, the blood...
3	2	17285	Tyrus Wong, 'Bambi' Artist Thwarted by Racial ...	New York Times	Margalit Fox	2017- 01-06	2017.0	1.0	NaN	When Walt Disney's "Bambi" opened in 1942, cri...
4	3	17286	Among Deaths in 2016, a Heavy Toll in Pop Musi...	New York Times	William McDonald	2017- 04-10	2017.0	4.0	NaN	Death may be the great equalizer, but it isn't...

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In [6]: story.columns
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Out[6]: Int64Index([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9], dtype='int64')

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In [7]: # [ Clean Data ]
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In [8]: story.rename(columns = {story.columns[2]: "Titles",
                                story.columns[3]: "Publication",
                                story.columns[5]: "Date",
                                story.columns[9]: "Content"}, inplace = True)
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In [9]: story = story.drop([0])
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In [10]: story.head()
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1	0	17283	House Republicans Fret About Winning Their Hea...	New York Times	Carl Hulse	2016-12-31	2016.0	12.0	NaN	WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans have...
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5	4	17287	Kim Jong-un Says North Korea Is Preparing to T...	New York Times	Choe Sang-Hun	2017-01-02	2017.0	1.0	NaN	SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's leader, ...

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In [11]: clstory = story[['Date', 'Titles', 'Content', 'Publication']]
clstory.head()
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Out[11]:
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1	2016-12-31	House Republicans Fret About Winning Their Hea...	WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans have...	New York Times
2	2017-06-19	Rift Between Officers and Residents as Killing...	After the bullet shells get counted, the blood...	New York Times
3	2017-01-06	Tyrus Wong, 'Bambi' Artist Thwarted by Racial ...	When Walt Disney's "Bambi" opened in 1942, cri...	New York Times
4	2017-04-10	Among Deaths in 2016, a Heavy Toll in Pop Musi...	Death may be the great equalizer, but it isn't...	New York Times
5	2017-01-02	Kim Jong-un Says North Korea Is Preparing to T...	SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's leader, ...	New York Times

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In [12]: #Create TFIDF object
tfvector = TfidfVectorizer()
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In [13]: #fit transform news stories
X = tfvector.fit_transform(story["Content"])
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In [14]: #View who has the most publications
clstory.groupby(["Publication"]).count()
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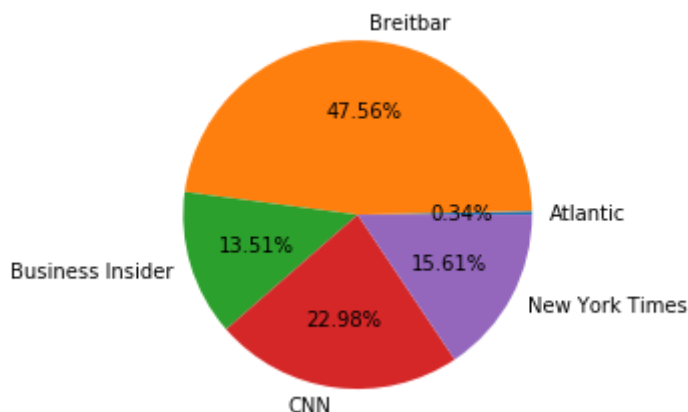
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Atlantic	171	171	171
Breitbart	23781	23781	23781
Business Insider	6757	6757	6757
CNN	11488	11488	11488
New York Times	7803	7803	7803

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In [15]: labels = ["Atlantic", "Breitbart", "Business Insider", "CNN", "New York Times"]
        sizes = [171, 23781, 6757, 11488, 7803]

        plt.title("% of News Publicators in Database:\n")
        plt.pie(sizes, labels=labels, autopct='%1.2f%%')
        plt.show()
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% of News Publicators in Database:



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In [17]: print(" Search News stories here... ")
        query = input()
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Search News stories here...  
Obama

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In [18]: search_vec = tfvector.transform([query])

        #OT Rank
        oT = cosine_similarity(X, search_vec).reshape((-1,))
        clstory.columns
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Out[18]: Index(['Date', 'Titles', 'Content', 'Publication'], dtype='object')

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In [19]: #Print results
print("Search results : \n")
for i in oT.argsort()[-10:][::-1]:
    print( "\n", "\n", clstory.iloc[i, 3], "|", clstory.iloc[i, 0] , "\n"
, "\n", " \t ", clstory.iloc[i, 2])
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## Search results :

Breitbart | 2017-04-28

The media's framing for former President Barack Obama's first 100 days began with the premise that his very presence in the White House was "historic." Obama was praised for aggressively pursuing a bold policy agenda and reversing the policies of his predecessor. [The same media would later indulge Obama's incessant complaints that all of his problems were caused by George W. Bush, which is difficult to square with their nearly universal praise for his total reversal of Bush policies 100 days into his administration. Time magazine, for example, dubbed the Obama administration a "historic presidency" at the top of its Hundred Days special coverage, then brought in Joe Klein to declare Obama's start "the most impressive of any president since F. D. R." Mark Halperin gushed that Obama was "instantly comfortable and highly skilled at the hardest job in the world," swooning over the new president's "even temper, cool demeanor, boldness under pressure, shrewd facility for managing personnel, unfailing instincts about when to delegate and when to engage." Halperin faulted Obama only for a "handful of public missteps" and, most amusingly, for his "failure to ameliorate the partisan divide." Comparisons to FDR were ubiquitous in Obama's Hundred Days coverage it would probably be easier to list the mainstream media articles that didn't favorably compare Obama to Roosevelt. Savannah Guthrie at NBC News inadvertently let slip the reason why: White House officials were making the comparison themselves, every chance they got. The media simply followed their lead. NBC's summary illustrated how much of the media uncritically accepted what the Obama White House said about its first few months in office. Guthrie's piece literally repeats the talking points Team Obama gave her, treating them as objective truth. ("Advisers are only too happy to tick off a flurry of accomplishments on the economy in the administration's first hundred days.") She even repeated transparently ridiculous fluff like Obama's aides claiming his "even temperament" only "darkened" when he had to deal with "military families who've lost loved ones" and read "personal letters from Americans telling stories of their own economic turmoil." The Washington Post said Obama had "moved quickly to strengthen the U. S. economy, refine the American strategy in two foreign wars and reverse detention and interrogation policies that have drawn condemnation at home and abroad." In the Post's view, Obama's biggest failure at the mark was overestimating the willingness of Republicans in Congress to "rally behind the nation's first president at a time of crisis." In other words, they thought Obama naive for believing evil Republicans could overcome their racism to vote for his magnificent stimulus bill. Jack Cafferty at CNN asked its audience to name their favorite Obama success in the first 100 days, blithely assuming no reasonable person would think the nascent presidency a failure. One of Cafferty's favorite successes was "meeting with leaders around the world, promising a new era of American leadership and cooperation." ABC News saluted Obama for moving "swiftly" and "rapidly" to "revoke and alter policies that marked the legacy of the Bush team." (Why, just 100 days into the Obama presidency, Guantanamo Bay was as good as closed!) The only criticism of Obama ABC could think to mention was that "critics say he could be putting too much on his plate." Those old enough to remember 2009 may recall critics saying many other things about Barack Obama, but for the mainstream media, the only fla

w of this titan was that he cared too damn much. The memory bank over at NewsBusters coughed up a clump of TV "journalists" worshipping at the Obama altar 100 days in, with comparisons to George Washington and the Kennedys. Michelle Obama was embraced as a "rock star." Katie Couric asked John Boehner if his Republican caucus was "digging themselves into a hole" by not surrendering all objections to Obama's magical agenda. It is hard to top New York Times reporter Jeff Zeleny's legendary puffball question at President Obama's 100 Days press conference: "During the se first 100 days, what has surprised you the most about this office, e nchanted you the most about serving in this office, humbled you the mos t and troubled you the most?" Even as the Obama Hundred Days were unfolding, the Pew Research Center noted that President Obama "enjoyed subst antially more positive media coverage than either Bill Clinton or Georg e Bush during their first months in the White House." Pew found posit ive stories about Obama outweighed the negatives by not just on the pages, but in "straight" news stories. One of the reasons proposed for this disparity was Obama's habit of "getting out of Washington and meet ing directly with the public," giving the media a steady stream of stories to write about. Also, Pew noted the coverage was heavily focus ed on Obama's "personal and leadership qualities" than on his actual po licy agenda. Not coincidentally, lifestyle and entertainment media cont inued treating the Obama family as celebrity superstars throughout the Hundred Days. "It feels as if sometimes the editors love them more than the readers," one celebrity magazine editor remarked to the Today show. When the media did talk policy during the Obama Hundred Days, it gave h im nearly unlimited credit for dealing with the aftermath of the 2008 f inancial crisis. Coverage of Obama's stimulus bill almost invariably portrayed it as the new president's effort to "fix" the nation's broken economy, opposed only by mindless obstructionists (and, as noted, racis ts). The media stressed Obama's popularity in polls, conjured an aura o f profound legitimacy around his margin of victory in the 2008 electio n, and placed great emphasis on polls that showed public optimism about America's moving onto the "right track" because of his election. (They seem a great deal less interested in polls that show the public brimmin g with confidence about the economy now that Obama is gone.) The media themselves were suffused with optimism and appreciation for Obama's goo d intentions at the Hundred Day mark. For example, check out this asses sment of Obama's first budget proposal from April 29, 2009, at CNBC: "W hile a welcome victory, congressional passage of the budget would be on ly a first, relatively easy step toward Obama's goal of providing healt h care coverage for all Americans." Notice how getting that budget pa ssed was not qualified as a welcome victory for Obama or for Democrats, and his healthcare ambitions were presented as pure unalloyed goodness. The mainstream media rarely discusses the "goals" of Republican preside nts, especially the current one. Obama's political credit card had no limit for advances on his good intentions. There was a little grumbling about how he did not manage a few administrative details perfectly, but the media had no doubt whatsoever that Obama meant well or that he had brilliant strategies for achieving his noble ends. Conversely, Republic ans were asked to explain how they could oppose the new president in go od conscience. The narrative of a historic president with a nearly unpr ecedented electoral and moral mandate was set long before Day 100 ticke d by.

Last night featured a terrific national championship college football game, but tonight, it will be President Obama spiking the foot ball. Obama's State of the Union address tonight will be a triumphalist reading of his massive accomplishments. [The New York Times' resident David Brooks says today that "Obama has championed a liberal agenda, but he hasn't made the country unrecognizable," but he isn't right — Obama has indeed succeeded in transforming the country, and he'll pat himself on the back with both hands, presumably until he begins crying from a case of broken ribs. Here are 12 ways Obama has transformed America and the world: Executive Amnesty. It's not just that President Obama has effectively legalized millions of illegal immigrants. It's that he's prevented deportations and gotten Republicans to pay for it. Obama has accomplished the signal achievement of forcing Republicans to break a key promise to their own base on executive amnesty — they ran on the basis of stopping Obama's program in 2014, but now have funded it twice. Rage at that surrender has driven Donald Trump to the top of the polls, but Obama's betting that no president will undo what he has done. Given the establishment's support for Senator Marco Rubio ( ) and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, that's not a terrible bet. Executive Gun Control. Obama's crying jag at last week over gun control hid the fact that he's setting the groundwork for his Department of Justice to target individual gunowners. Last week, Obama chief advisor Valerie Jarrett said that the ATF would prosecute people who sold guns as a dealer — but then defined dealer down to include even a single weapon, explaining, "The ATF and DOJ did not identify a magic number of weapons that makes you engaged in the business because that would limit their ability to bring prosecution." Attorney General Loretta Lynch stated, "It can be as few as one or two depending upon the circumstances under which the person sells the gun." The only way to set up such a regime would be to create a national gun registry. Obamacare. Republicans have pledged since 2010 to stop Obamacare. Aside from Senator Ted Cruz's ( ) attempt to defund the program, Republicans have instead done nothing. Meanwhile, President Obama brags about skyrocketing enrollment as he forces the government gun to the head of consumers. He ignores the fact that he's forcing religious institutions to cover contraception he ignores a boost in premiums. He ignores the fact that a huge chunk of new subscribers are coming in via Medicaid, which means they aren't paying at all for their healthcare. Nonetheless, Republicans continue to fund the program. Planned Parenthood. Obama hasn't just enshrined Planned Parenthood's abortion business — he's done it while defanging the single largest scandal ever to engulf the abortion mill. After news broke that Planned Parenthood was dissecting dead babies and selling their body parts for research, the Obama administration stood firm against defunding efforts — and when Republicans refused to attach the defunding issue to a broader budget, Obama simply vetoed the bill. Republicans went ahead and funded Planned Parenthood in the end. As always. The Iran Deal. President Obama's Iran deal hands the mullahs nuclear weapons in a decade, and hands them massive financial power, which will be channeled into terrorism and territorial expansionism, immediately. Incredibly, the Republicans signed off on this one too by greenlighting the asinine Corke proposal, which allowed Obama to get away with his perverse deal with far more than half the Senate and House objecting. Instead of holding Obama accountable under the Constitution by insisting that the Iran deal was a treaty, they ended up protesting loudly as Obama simply did what he wanted. The result: Iranian expansion throughout the region, more moderate regimes in danger, ISIS on the rise, and the possibility of a nuclear arms race. Slashing The Military. Republicans, in attempting to s

top Obama's spending spree, jumped on board with the foolhardy sequestration deal that would supposedly slash future spending — but in actuality served mainly to stop spending on the military. Obama insisted that half of all cuts come from our military. The result is a military that has been dramatically weakened. On top of that, Obama has insisted on using the military as a vehicle for his social experimentation on behalf of women and transgenders. Destruction Of America's Traditional Alliances. Israel used to be our strongest ally in the Middle East. Other allies included Egypt and Saudi Arabia and Jordan. All are now looking elsewhere as Obama forges alliances with the Muslim Brotherhood on one hand and the Iranians on the other. Despite Congress's best attempts to reach out to Israel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Obama has succeeded in crafting a regime of international isolation for the Jewish State, even as he boosts the terrorist Palestinians. The new Egyptian government has already begun looking for allies in Russia and China, and Saudi Arabia is making clear its displeasure with the Obama administration. The Dependency Society. Obama has spent \$8 trillion in order to craft a permanent dependency society in which almost four in ten Americans of working age don't work, in which millions of students will enmesh themselves in debt before working for the government, in which 46 million Americans are on food stamps and eight million are on disability. Those numbers will continue to grow — and Democrats will never allow a revamp of Social Security or Medicare, either. The Enshrinement of Marriage. President Obama says that the most important moment of his presidency was the Supreme Court mandating marriage. He even used the White House as a canvas for his polarizing social politics, shining a rainbow flag on the People's House. Obama's destruction of traditional marriage in the legal sphere means that First Amendment religious freedoms are now under permanent assault, as religious business owners face the backlash of a mobilized left. They will be forced to shell out hundreds of thousands of dollars simply to avoid participating in sin — and if they do it repeatedly, they'll be forced out of business altogether. Mobilization of The Bureaucracy Against Political Opponents. The IRS has targeted Obama's political opposition. Obama stacked the National Labor Relations Board in order to target businesses that did not comply with the demands of his union cronies. Obama has used the DOJ to target his political opponents, too, and to avoid prosecuting his political allies like former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The Bureau of Land Management continues to expand its grasp upon state lands, and in doing so, target those whose land it wishes to grab. Every area of the Obama bureaucracy has become politicized. And they all have SWAT teams. Racial Breakdown. Obama's DOJ is targeting police departments around America. Obama himself continues to press the message that America is deeply racist, and that such racism is embedded into our DNA. Because he is the first black president, that critique bites all the more, and it has caused more racial polarization than at any time since the Los Angeles riots. Riots have broken out in major cities murder rates are up, too. Policing is down. None of this will be easy to reverse — yet another generation of minorities in America have now been trained that "white privilege" is to blame for any problems they suffer. Stacking The Supreme Court. Obama has put in place two new Supreme Court justices: Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor. Both are relatively young, and both are wildly leftist. Obama is one justice away from complete dominance on the Court — all he needs is Anthony Kennedy to resign, and the Constitution turns to ash. That is your actual State of the Union under President Obama. Most galling, he'll cheer himself to the skies tonight for it. Ben Shapiro is Senior of Breitbart News, of DailyWire. com, and The Ne



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' ' " President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are trying to reignite Democratic Party enthusiasm by reminding voters of Obama's successful 2008 and 2012 elections. " ' While appearing together Tuesday at their first official joint appearance since Obama endorsed her last month, the president waxed nostalgia on his campaigns for president before noting his support for Clinton. ' ' "I know I've gone on too long. This is what happens — you haven't campaigned in a while, you start enjoying it too much," Obama said. ' ' He added several minutes later: "I've run my last campaign, and I couldn't be prouder of the things we've done together. But I'm ready to pass the baton. And I know that Hillary Clinton is ready to run this race." ' ' Throughout both their speeches, Clinton and Obama attempted to use their disagreements following the 2008 Democratic primary as an example of how Democrats can come together following a tough primary between Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has refused to officially suspend his campaign. ' ' " Borrowing Obama's campaign slogan, Clinton reminded the audience that while she lost to Obama in 2008, she quickly came to support him. " ' "He knows a little thing about winning elections. Take it from me," Clinton said introducing Obama. ' ' She added: "When it was over, I was proud to endorse him and campaign for him." ' ' Calling Clinton the "most qualified person" to ever seek the presidency, Obama joked that she beat him in the presidential primary debates. ' ' "She beat me the first half, and then I could just barely play her to a draw," Obama said. "She knew every fact, and she knew every detail." ' ' Obama attempted to play down the divisions between Democratic primary supporters of Clinton and Sanders, arguing that the differences with Republicans were far greater. ' ' "Primaries are always tough because you're arguing with your friends instead of the folks you disagree with," Obama said. ' ' Both Clinton and Obama took swipes at presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump. Clinton asked audience members to "imagine him sitting in the Oval Office" during a crisis, while Obama said that Trump's background as a star didn't make him qualified to be president. ' ' "This isn't a reality show. This is reality. And being president of the United States means you have to deal with reality. When a crisis hits, you can't just walk off the set. You can't fire the scriptwriter. You can't be reckless. You don't have the luxury of just saying what's in your head. You've gotta actually do your homework," Obama said. ' ' The appearance in Charlotte, North Carolina, was far from accidental. The Tar Heel State is a key battleground that helped propel Obama to victory in 2008 but went for former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney in 2012. ' ' Reprising a favorite campaign line from 2012, Obama quickly pivoted from a rhetorical jab at Trump to a call to action. ' ' "I was waiting for this opportunity. Don't boo. Vote," Obama said. ' '

Breitbart | 2016-11-10

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on the U. S. presidential transition (all times EST): 12:50 p. m. Donald Trump says he's looking forward to benefiting from President Barack Obama's "counsel" in the future. Trump was speaking at the end of his meeting Thursday with Obama in the Oval Office. He's suggesting he may turn to Obama for advice on governing. Trump said he looks forward to being with Obama "many, many more times. " He said they discussed a host of topics. Trump said that Obama explained "some of the difficulties" but also "some of the really great things that have been achieved. " Trump is noting that the meeting was expected to be short, but lasted almost 90 minutes. He said as far as he's concerned, it could have gone on much longer. \_\_\_, "Here's a good rule: Don't answer the questions when they just start yelling," Obama advises Trump of WH reporters <https://www.cnn.com/2017/03/08/politics/trump-obama-meeting/index.html>. — CNN (@CNN) November 10, 2016, 12:45 p. m. Donald Trump says he "very much looks forward" to dealing with President Barack Obama in the future. Trump was meeting with Obama Thursday in the Oval Office. He called the meeting a "great honor. " Trump noted that he and Obama haven't met each other before. Their meeting lasted well over an hour. \_\_\_, 12:40 p. m. President Barack Obama has met with Donald Trump at the White House. Obama said that they had an "excellent" and " " conversation. Obama met with Trump in the Oval Office for more than an hour to discuss the transition of power. Obama said he was encouraged by Trump's wanting to work with his team on issues facing the country. He said it's important for all "to now come together. " Later, Trump will go to Capitol Hill to talk with congressional leaders about the Republicans' legislative agenda for next year.

CNN | 2017-03-08

Washington (CNN) President Donald Trump and former President Barack Obama have not spoken since the inauguration, but their respective advisers have. Two people familiar with the matter say Trump's White House chief of staff, Reince Priebus, and Obama's former White House chief of staff, Denis McDonough, have spoken since Trump claimed, without evidence, that Obama had him wiretapped. There have also been conversations between other former Obama officials and Trump officials since Saturday. "There is a dialogue," one person familiar with the conversation said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak publicly about the talks. The question is whether these talks among advisers will ultimately lead to a conversation between the 44th and 45th presidents. Spokesmen for Trump and Obama declined to comment. Obama was irked and exasperated in response to his successor's uncorroborated wiretapping accusation, sources close to the former president tell CNN, though these sources say Obama's reaction stopped short of outright fury. Obama and his aides responded with disbelief when they learned of Trump's Saturday morning tweets laying out the charges. Later in the day, an Obama spokesman said "neither President Obama nor any White House official ever ordered surveillance on any US citizen. Any suggestion otherwise is simply false." The sources provided CNN with slightly different insight into Obama's demeanor than others who told The Wall Street Journal that Obama was "livid." Obama's loyal army of supporters have been far more active in voicing their dissatisfaction with Trump. On social media and television, former aides have been aggressively pushing back on Trump in the first weeks of his presidency. Presidents Trump and Obama have not spoken since Inauguration Day, when Obama welcomed Trump for coffee in the White House and accompanied him to the

US Capitol for the ceremony. The two men had developed what Trump termed a "warm" relationship in the lead-up to Trump's inauguration, fostered by an early meeting in the Oval Office and several phone conversations. But people close to both men acknowledge that the bitterness of the presidential campaign, paired with Trump's longstanding antagonism toward Obama regarding his birth certificate, would make a close relationship improbable. On the weekend that Trump levied his explosive charges, Obama and his wife, Michelle Obama, were spotted at the National Gallery of Art in Washington on a private tour of artist Theaster Gates' new exhibition. The President was all smiles when he departed the museum, dressed casually and carrying a bag from the gallery's gift shop. Asked Monday whether Trump's claims would damage the relationship between the 44th and 45th presidents, White House press secretary Sean Spicer downplayed any tensions. "I think that they'll be just fine," Spicer said. CNN's Kate Bennett contributed to this report.

CNN | 2017-03-05

West Palm Beach, Florida (CNN) President Donald Trump is back to attacking his predecessor, former President Barack Obama. In a series of tweets early Saturday morning, Trump called Obama a "bad" or "sick" person after accusing him, without evidence, of ordering the government to tap his phones during the 2016 presidential campaign. While attacks from Trump aimed at Obama are nothing we haven't seen before, they come after months of restraint and even complimentary comments Trump has made about his predecessor since he was elected president. And they marked a return to Trump's earlier treatment of Obama. The relationship is all best summed up in a comment Trump made on Fox News in late January: "What amazed me is that I was vicious to him in statements, he was vicious to me in statements, and here we are getting along, we're riding up Pennsylvania Avenue. . . . We don't even mention it. I guess that's the world of politics." Here's a look back at some of what Trump has had to say about Obama over the years: March 2011, "I want him to show his birth certificate. . . . There's something on that birth certificate that he doesn't like." Trump on "The View" on March 23, 2011. Trump launched himself into the national political conversation in March 2011, when he began to publicly question whether Obama was born in the United States effectively taking a megaphone to a conspiracy theory that for years had swirled in conservative circles. August 2012, "An 'extremely credible source' has called my office and told me that @BarackObama's birth certificate is a fraud," he tweeted on August 6, 2012. Trump continued to accuse Obama of not being born in the US for several years after Obama released his birth certificate. November 2015, "I think he's a threat to our country," Trump said on a radio show. January 2016, "Obama is one of the worst negotiators on everything I've ever seen except for when it comes to dealing with the Republicans," Trump said in an interview with NBC News. March 2016, "He may be the worst thing to ever happen to Israel, believe me," Trump said at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual conference. June 2016, "There's something going on," Trump intoned about Obama in a June interview, suggesting Obama was sympathetic to radical Islamist terrorists. "You know, people can not believe that President Obama is acting the way he acts and can't even mention the words radical Islamic terrorism," he said on Fox News. "There's something going on — it's inconceivable. There's something going on." August 2016, "I think he's the worst president maybe in the history of our country," said Trump on Fox News. He also called Obama a

"disaster," "weak" and "ineffective" in the interview, echoing many of his criticisms of Obama on the campaign trail. August, 2016, "ISIS is honoring President Obama. He's the founder of ISIS. He's the founder of ISIS. He's the founder. He founded ISIS," Trump said at an August 10, 2016, campaign rally. November 10, 2016, Obama is a "good man," Trump said in the Oval Office after meeting Obama for first time. "Really good meeting, great chemistry," Trump tweeted after meeting with Obama at the White House. Earlier that day, he told Obama it was a "great honor being with you and I look forward to being with you many, many more times," saying he would seek Obama's counsel. December 7, 2016, "I must tell you, you know, I never met him before this. I never spoke to him before this. I really I do like him," Trump said in interview about his predecessor. Trump added that he was seeking Obama's advice on appointments and has been taking "his recommendations very seriously." December 28, 2016, "Doing my best to disregard the many inflammatory President Obama statements and roadblocks. Thought it was going to be a smooth transition NOT!" Trump tweeted. Later, Trump added: "I'm getting along very well with him . . . other than a couple of statements (that) I responded to and we talked about it and smiled about it." "We are never going to be going against each other," he added. January 22, 2017, "I just went to the Oval Office and found this beautiful letter from President Obama. It was really very nice of him to do that. And I will cherish that," Trump said. February 6, 2017, "We get along, I don't know if he'll admit this, but he likes me. I like him," Trump said during his Super Bowl interview with Fox News' Bill O'Reilly. February 27, 2017, "I think he is behind it. I also think it is politics, that's the way it is," Trump said, accusing Obama of being responsible for protests against Republicans. March 4, 2017, "Terrible! Just found out that Obama had my "wires tapped" in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!" Trump tweeted, adding, "Bad (or sick) guy!"

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Chicago (CNN) Speaking in public for the first time since leaving the White House three months ago, former President Barack Obama on Monday avoided criticizing his successor, disappointing anyone who was hoping for a clash between the former president and President Donald Trump. In a nearly two-hour forum, Obama laid out lessons he learned as a young community organizer here in Chicago decades ago and vowed to help bring up the next generation of leaders. He did not once mention Trump's name. The University of Chicago hosted the event, billed by Obama's office as a "conversation on community organizing and civic engagement." The highly anticipated public appearance happened just days ahead of the symbolically significant inauguration of Trump, a milestone that one Obama adviser insisted is "far from" the former president's mind. In fact, Obama made clear on Monday that he has little interest so far in reemerging as a figure and spokesperson for the Democratic Party, notably declining to comment on issues like health care and foreign policy. "I'm spending a lot of time thinking about what is the most important thing I can do for my next job?" Obama said onstage. "The single most important thing I can do is to help in any way I can prepare the next generation of leadership, to take up the baton, and to take their own crack at changing the world." While Obama did not intend to directly confront or take swipes at Trump on Monday, an adviser said he wanted to be forthcoming if asked about where he stands on specific policy matters, including areas where he and Trump clearly disagree, a source said. The closest Obama got to

wading into a politically charged issue was when he discussed immigration, as he referred to many undocumented workers as simply "families who are looking for a better life for their children." "It's not like everybody on Ellis Island had all their papers straight," Obama said. "The truth is, the history of our immigration system has always been a little bit haphazard, a little bit loose." After months of quiet travel, Obama to speak in Chicago, Obama, 55, reflected on the fact that when he came to Chicago more than 30 years ago as a he was "filled with idealism and absolute certainty that somehow I was going to change the world." "But I had no idea how," Obama said. "I am the first to acknowledge that I did not set the world on fire. Nor did I transform these communities in any significant way." He later joked that the famous line from his speech at the Democratic National Convention in 2004 that there are not red states or blue states, but that there is rather one united country was an "aspirational comment." Obama also took on several political and cultural developments that he lamented were exacerbating the country's divisions, including gerrymandering, money in politics and the politicization of media. "The internet in some ways has accelerated this sense of people having entirely separate conversations," Obama said. "If you're liberal, then you're on MSNBC. If you're a conservative, you're on Fox News." He even shared a warning with young people about their prolific use of social media. "If you had pictures of everything I'd done in high school, I probably wouldn't have been President of the United States," he said. "I would advise all of you to be a little more circumspect about your selfies and what you take pictures of." In the final stretch of the 2016 election, Obama actively campaigned for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. More than five months after Clinton's loss, Obama is still not interested in taking center stage on politics, an adviser told CNN. "He's going to be more of an adviser behind the scenes and not necessarily be in the forefront right now," the adviser said. "At a given time, when it's appropriate and necessary, he'll be out there. But not right now." Obama is also sensitive to creating space for and supporting his former administration officials in their new endeavors, including former Education Secretary Arne Duncan, who is working to mentor young leaders, and former Attorney General Eric Holder, who is focused on redistricting laws across the country. Monday's event came together because of Obama's desire to speak directly with young people, a source close to the former President said. Three hundred students from universities around the Chicago area were invited to attend. On Sunday, Obama spoke at a roundtable discussion with young men from Chicago's Create Real Economic Destiny program, which aims to provide job skills and positive connections to youth. He was invited to participate by Duncan, the program's founder. "President Obama listened to the young men's stories and shared some of the challenges that he faced growing up," Obama spokesman Kevin Lewis said of Sunday's conversation. "He expressed that he was optimistic about their potential to positively contribute to their communities and support their families because of the services provided in the program." For the most part, Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama have steered clear of the public spotlight since leaving the White House. The former President has been spotted playing golf and vacationing on a private island in the Caribbean, but his schedule has been kept tightly under wraps. The Obamas are also busy working on their memoirs after landing a deal with Penguin Random House that could yield them tens of millions of dollars. The couple plans to live in Washington until their younger daughter, Sasha, graduates high school in 2019. Obama is also slated to appear with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin in late May and is due to accept an award in Boston prior

ior to that. Obama ended Monday's event on an optimistic note. "I have to say that there's a reason why I'm always optimistic, even when things look like they're not going the way I want," he said. "And that's because of young people like this."

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"US President Barack Obama's announcement on Tuesday drew passionate reactions from virtually the entire 2016 presidential field." In at the White House, Obama said that he was taking executive action to expand the number of people subject to background checks when buying guns. Additionally, he said he would direct the federal government to research technology and hire more personnel to conduct more efficient and effective background checks on gun buyers. Obama said he was simply taking modest and steps in the absence of congressional legislation. But Republican candidates widely accused him of an illegal power grab shortly after his speech. US Sen. Ted Cruz ( ) may have had the most reaction. The senator on his campaign site that featured an image reminiscent of the propaganda used by military dictatorships. "Obama wants your guns!" the page declared next to a large photo of Obama in military gear, standing in front of an ominous floating head of the president. Cruz previously used the image in a pitch to supporters. Meanwhile, Sen. Marco Rubio ( ) blasting Obama on several fronts, including gun control. "His plan after the attack in San Bernardino: Take away our guns," Rubio narrated in his ad. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush saying that Obama's executive action would "trample on the Second Amendment." Bush also had several pointed tweets blasting Obama's and former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's agenda. "Today Obama proved again why he's 1 of most liberal & divisive presidents in history. I'll repeal his exec orders & protect 2nd Amend. Today is another reminder that we can't afford to give the opportunity to expand on agenda. Former CEO Carly Fiorina further er Obama's "lawless, unconstitutional" approach to gun policy. Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson said Obama couldn't be trusted and that his executive action had "everything to do with advancing his political agenda. And former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee suggested that Obama should be more focused on halting abortions: You say if we can save one life we should. Well, apply 5th & 14th amendments to the unborn & save 4,000 lives a day. "On the Democratic side of the race, Clinton released a statement embracing Obama's executive action. The Democratic said she would look into going even further than Obama on the issue if she were elected to succeed him. "I would use executive authority to go as far as would be possible under the law and I applaud the president for taking a hard look at that and I believe he will take some actions to require more gun sellers to do background checks," Clinton said. Clinton warned that "a Republican president would delight in the very first day, reversing executive orders that President Obama has made, including this one that we expect him to make. "Sen. Bernie Sanders ( ) released a similar statement applauding Obama. Sanders' relatively moderate record on gun control has been and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, his Democratic primary rivals. "I support President Obama's executive actions to make our communities safer," Sanders said. "A vast majority of the American people, including responsible gun owners who are sickened by the deaths of so many innocent people, agree with the common sense reforms announced today. "O'Malley also heralded Obama's executive action and, like Clinton, pledged to go even further

er if he becomes president:"

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Washington (CNN) Former President Barack Obama warned Tuesday against the appeal of authoritarian voices around the world at several points airing veiled criticism of his successor, President Donald Trump. In a rare speech, delivered before the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, Obama called on people, in the face of uncertainty, to stand by some of the very War II economic and political institutions Trump has repeatedly called into question. "In periods like this, people looking for control and certainty it's inevitable," Obama told the Canadian audience. "But it is important to remember that the world has gone through similar moments. . . . Our history also shows there is a better way." He said people should overcome fear and not listen to those who "call for isolation or nationalism" and those who "suggest rolling back the rights of others." Obama's comments set a different tone than Trump, who campaigned on an "America First" message and has called Americanism his "credo." "We're also bound by the institutions that we built to keep the peace," Obama said, referring to the UN, NATO and NAFTA. Obama said that everyday people who felt left behind by government and a changing world could find authoritarians alluring. He said people who felt at a loss with the democratic process could "try anything," but that liberal values would win out over time. "I am convinced that the future does not belong to strongmen," Obama said. Without mentioning Trump, Obama spoke about the importance of wealthy nations investing in development abroad. "We're going to have to summon the same capacity to adapt to new circumstances that we saw after World War II," Obama said. "We're going to have to replace fear with hope. That's the spirit that we need right now." Climate change, Obama repeatedly touched on the threat of climate change and Trump's decision last week to initiate the US' withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement. "Obviously, I'm disappointed," Obama said. Still, he tried to make the case that the agreement could be effective, regardless of Trump's decision, calling the accords "an agreement that even with the temporary absence of American leadership, will still give our children a fighting chance." He commended state and local leaders who have pledged to push for clean energy and combat climate change. "They will keep pushing forward for the sake of future generations," Obama said. Since leaving office, Obama and his wife Michelle spent a significant amount of time and out of country. He emerged in April to speak at a forum in Chicago. He has spoken several times since then. At the Montreal event, just as he made a case for the War II international order and his own legacy, Obama argued for increased civic engagement and the spread of democratic values. He said engagement and a lack of belief in the average person's ability to affect change in government weaken democratic institutions and are responsible for the advance of "reactionary" politicians. Obama pledged to work on increasing democratic participation for the rest of his life. "The focus for the rest of my time on this Earth in addition to enjoying my children and, in a distant future, grandchildren will be active citizenship in the United States and around the world," Obama said. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tweeted Tuesday evening that he met with Obama in Montreal.

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Philadelphia (CNN) President Barack Obama made a fervent plea for Hillary Clinton on Wednesday, casting the Democratic nominee as a custodian of his legacy while rejecting Republicans' message as fostering anger and hate. In remarks that demonstrated Obama's lasting appeal to wide swaths of the Democratic Party, the President sought to describe a country headed firmly in the right direction, despite the loud protestations otherwise by Donald Trump. Obama said his former secretary of state is a better qualified candidate than even he or her husband, former President Bill Clinton, had been when they sought office. "I can say with confidence there has never been a man or a woman not me, not Bill, nobody more qualified than Hillary Clinton to serve as president of the United States of America," Obama said to a roaring crowd and a Bill Clinton at the Democratic National Convention. Even as a pessimistic attitude pervades the presidential campaign, Obama attempted to harness the optimism that propelled him into office eight years ago. "America is already great," Obama insisted, rejecting Trump's campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again." "America is already strong. And I promise you, our strength, our greatness, does not depend on Donald Trump." In remarks that defended his own record as a progressive leader as much as they boosted the candidate who could maintain them, Obama argued that two terms of a Democrat weren't enough to finish the work he started. "I have confidence, as I leave this stage tonight, that the Democratic Party is in good hands," Obama said to scattered sighs among the delegates. "My time in this office hasn't fixed everything as much as we've done, there's still so much I want to do." Ahead of Obama's speech, aides said the President was intent on highlighting the aspects of Clinton's record he feels have been overlooked through the years, including her work protecting children and her dogged work as his secretary of state. Obama worked with White House speechwriter Cody Keenan on the address for three weeks, going through six drafts. The most recent draft came after First Lady Michelle Obama's speech on Monday night, which had the President up until 3 a. m. on Tuesday. White House officials said Michelle Obama endorsed her husband's speech. "That's my man! Your truth, dignity and grace reminds us what real leadership looks like. I am always proud of our @POTUS," she tweeted. The President had debated whether he should do a policy speech but decided to talk about the messes of America given how unconventional the election has become. He also acknowledged that many Democrats remain wary of their party's nominee. "Hillary's got her share of critics," Obama said. "She's been caricatured by the right and by some folks on the left accused of everything you can imagine and some things you can't. But she knows that's what happens when you're under a microscope for 40 years. She knows she's made mistakes, just like I have just like we all do. That's what happens when we try." And he offered a nod to the supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders, many of whom remain bitterly disappointed in their candidate's loss to Clinton in this year's primary contests. "This is not your typical election," Obama said during his fourth Democratic convention speech. "It's not just a choice between parties or policies the usual debates between left and right. This is a more fundamental choice about who we are as a people, and whether we stay true to this great American experiment in . . ." Detailing Clinton's record, Obama said the former top diplomat had the best view of what it takes to occupy the Oval Office. "Nothing truly prepares you for the demands of the Oval Office," Obama said. "You can read about it. You can study it. Until you've sat at that desk, you don't know what it's like to manage a global crisis, or send young people to war. But Hillary's been in the room she's been part of t



hose decisions." Her rival, meanwhile, is merely ginning up fear to secure votes, Obama argued. "Donald Trump calls it 'a divided crime scene' that only he can fix," Obama said of the Republican nominee's descriptions of the state of the country. "He's just offering slogans, and he's offering fear. He's betting that if he scares enough people, he might score just enough votes to win this election." "That is another bet that Donald Trump will lose," Obama continued. "Because he's selling the American people short. We are not a fragile or frightful people. Our power doesn't come from some savior promising that he alone can restore order. We don't look to be ruled." Obama said the message at last week's GOP convention in Cleveland "wasn't particularly Republican and it sure wasn't conservative." "What we heard was a deeply pessimistic vision of a country where we turn against each other, and turn away from the rest of the world," Obama said. "There were no serious solutions to pressing problems just the fanning of resentment, and blame, and anger, and hate." Speaking to what's likely to be the largest remaining audience of his presidency, Obama recalled the moment 12 years ago to the day that thrust him onto the national stage. And he insisted the country was better off now than when he first entered office in 2009. "Through every victory and every setback, I've insisted that change is never easy, and never quick that we wouldn't meet all of our challenges in one term, or one presidency, or even in one lifetime," Obama said. "So tonight, I'm here to tell you that, yes, we still have more work to do."

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